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PARIS, Jan. 6.—The *Official Journal* publishes a decree appointing M. HENRI CHEVREAU, late Prefect of the Department of Rhône, to succeed Baron HAUSSMANN as Prefect of the Seine. M. HAUSSMANN is relieved of all his administrative functions. This event is regarded as one of prime importance, being a sure indication of the power of the new Ministry. The Emperor was desirous of retaining the Prefect. This is proved by a letter which His Majesty wrote to him, and which established the fact that the first act of the Cabinet was to ask for the removal of the Prefect of the Seine. The Emperor has a strong personal regard for M. HAUSSMANN, and had promised to maintain him; but thought it proper to defer to the expressed desire of his Ministers. The Imperial letter contains an assurance of the affection of the Sovereign and his regret at parting with an officer so widely and deservedly esteemed....Senator DE MAUPAS has demanded an investigation of the domestic policy of the Government....Official permission has been granted for the sale of the *Rappel*, Radical organ, in the street....During the week just passed the heavy outflow of specie from the Bank of France has continued. The amount in vault to-day is 31,800,000 francs less than on last Thursday.

MADRID, Jan. 6.—The political crisis shows no sign of ending. Rumors are current that an application will be made to the Cortes to induce it to sanction the establishment of a dictatorship for four months, and suspend its sessions....Advices have just been received from New-York that the Cuban insurrection has been ended by orders of the Cuban Junta in New-York. The news creates a profound sensation....The United States steamer *Richmond* has arrived at Barcelona.

Disturbances at the Irish Election—The Troops Fire Upon the People—Robbery of Mr. Motley's London Residence—The Yacht Meteor Blown Up.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—The Irish journals report that during the Parliamentary election in Longford, which was bitterly contested and attended with great excitement, the supporters of MARTIN, the Fenian candidate, and the friends of NUGENT, came into collision at Gullet Hill, near Longford. After a sharp fight between the parties, the troops appeared on the field, and fired upon the Fenians, who quickly dispersed. A few men were wounded—no one was killed. At last accounts there had been no further disturbance, but proper precautions had been taken to prevent a renewal of the conflict. The Fenian element is greatly exasperated over the defeat of its candidate.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—An extract of Mrs. BROWN's *Lady Byron Vindicated*, containing 1,121 words, was received by the Anglo-American and Atlantic cables last evening, and published in the *Pall Mall Gazette* to-day. The *Gazette's* American correspondent adds: "Here in America the public indignation at the conduct of Mrs. Brown in this matter has only been intensified by the publication of this so-called defence."....Mr. MOTLEY, the American Minister, was robbed last night of property valued at $6,000 by burglars, who entered his dwelling while the inmates were asleep....By the weekly statement of the Bank of England, it appears the amount of bullion in vault has decreased £100,000 sterling since last week.

ROME, Jan. 6.—The second public congregation of the Ecumenical Council began this morning. The first was on the occasion of the inauguration of the Council. The ceremonies to-day were not on so grand a scale as those of the opening day, and the number of spectators was much smaller. The Pope was present, but there was no procession to the Hall of the Council, and no opening address was delivered. Mass was celebrated, after which each Father delivered to the Pope his profession of faith according to the formula of Pius IV. Though its organization is completed, the Council cannot yet promulgate decrees....The Holy Father continues in fine health.

MARSEILLES, Jan. 6.—Mr. LORILLARD has blown up and destroyed his yacht *Meteor*, which was recently wrecked near Tunis.

CUBA.

Insurgent Cane-Field Burning Parties Moving—The Reported Rebel Surrendering—General Pachic Missing—Apprehensions of Attack at Puerto Principe.

HAVANA, Jan. 6.—A body of insurgents is reported to be moving towards the Cauto Abajo region, in the Eastern Department. Simultaneously with this movement several well-armed bodies, of two hundred to four hundred men each, were sent to the centre of the Cinco Villas district. The reported object of these expeditions is to destroy the cane fields. There has as yet been no authentic confirmation of the surrender of the 1,500 insurgents. The *Voz de Cuba* calls for details, but the Press is silent. There is much sickness at Nuevitas. It is reported that the insurgents recently encamped at Gibara, escaped in boats to Ragged Island and Nassau.

Nothing has been heard of General PUELLO since the 25th of December. He left Nuevitas to go towards Cascorro. The woods immediately in the vicinity of Puerto Principe have been cut down, thus depriving the insurgents of a place for attack. MANUEL ALMAGUER, one of the insurgent chiefs, has been killed.

A Cuban Privateer in Charleston Harbor.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Señor ROMERO yesterday telegraphed to the Secretary of State from New-York to the effect that he learned from the Spanish Consul at Charleston that the steam yacht *Anna* had arrived at that port full of men who had belonged to the crew of the *Hornet*. The commander, it is alleged, is one of the officers of the *Hornet*, who was arrested at Wilmington. Colonels RYAN, CAMPOS, CERRUTO and other Cubans were said to be on board. Mr. ROMERO requested that the vessel be stopped and investigated. Secretary BOUTWELL telegraphed to the Collector at Charleston that if the vessel had arms and armed men on board, to detain her; otherwise, to permit her to proceed. No answer was received up to this evening. In the meantime, GEORGE W. BROWN, of New-York, who claims to be her owner, has arrived here to ask for her release. He admits that she has some fifty Cubans on board, but merely as passengers, and says that she was duly examined by the Marshal at New-York before she sailed, and was regularly cleared for Nassau. It is generally believed here that if the notorious Colonel RYAN is on board there is no danger that the vessel will ever reach Cuba.

The Anna Seized by the United States Marshal.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 6.—The steam yacht *Anna*, Captain SOMMERS, from New-York for Nassau, N. P., put in this port on Tuesday under a stress of weather, and to obtain coal. While lying in the stream she was visited by the Custom House authorities, and, on a complaint of the Spanish Consul that she intended violating the Neutrality laws, she was seized by the United States Marshal and detained. Her passengers and crew were mostly Cubans, Colonel W. C. RYAN, the Cuban filibuster, and a son of General CESPEDES being among the former. On Wednesday the *Anna* was taken to the Government dock and put in charge of two United States army officers and twenty-five privates, who disbanded the ship's company, the passengers and most of the crew taking rooms at a hotel to await the disposition of the vessel. There was no armament on board, and the *Anna* had regular clearance papers from the Custom House at New-York. Her passengers engaged passage to Nassau, and allege that they were entirely unprepared to make any aggressive movements. The case will be heard in the United States Court on Friday morning.

CANADA.

A Cabinet Meeting on the Red River Difficulty—No Immediate Action Proposed.

OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 6.—A meeting of the Privy Council was held to-day, at which it is understood the Red River difficulty was discussed. The Government will await the result of the negotiations of Vicar THIBAULT and Colonel DE SALABERRY. An effort will also be made to obtain a statement of the claims of the insurgent leaders to form a basis for settlement. This failing, no doubt the Government will be prepared to adopt active measures, conjointly with the Hudson's Bay Company and the Imperial Government, to restore order in the Spring. It is said that Governor McDOUGALL's commission as Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest was only to take effect when the country was transferred to Canada by the Imperial Government. As this did not take place, it is presumed he still holds a seat in the House of Commons.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Message of Governor McClurg, of Missouri—Organization in Maryland.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Governor McCLURG, in his Message, calls attention to the peaceful condition of the State, and, in view of this fact, he asks the consideration of the expediency of removing political disabilities from those who participated in the rebellion. He does not think it necessary to amend the Constitution to effect this, as the Constitution now provides that the Legislature may remove such disabilities after Jan. 1, 1871. He recommends that this be made a question for discussion in the canvass next Fall, so that candidates for the Legislature may run, in part, at least, upon this issue. He opposes a Convention for the revision of the Constitution, but recommends submitting to the people the proposition to allow the negroes to vote; and another striking out from the Constitution what is known as "the double liability clause." The debt of the State in 1869 was $9,600,000. The general financial condition is favorable, but the Governor urges strict economy. The interest on the bonds for July is already provided for; that of January following can easily be arranged. There is now in the Treasury nearly $600,000, which belongs to the interest fund. The principal of the bonds maturing in 1872 amounts to $477,000, and that of 1873, of $600,000, can also be promptly met.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 6.—The Legislature has been fully organized. The Governor's Message was read this afternoon.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 6.—The Message of Governor BOWIE puts the net funded debt of the State at $12,609,893 96. As an offset, the State holds stocks and bonds on which dividends and interest are received, to the amount of $7,228,412 22, leaving an actual debt of $5,454,326 74. The Message opposes mixed schools but suggests that the tax received from colored taxpayers, for school purposes, be devoted to the education of the colored children, and that the educational facilities be extended to them by the State. In discussing the Fifteenth Amendment he contends that the question of suffrage should be left entirely to the control of the several States.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 6.—Governor CHAMBERLAIN was inaugurated this evening. All the State officers and a large number of citizens were present.

The Governor at the commencement of his address paid a deserved tribute to the memory of the late Senator FESSENDEN.

The Admixture Law in Ohio—The Massachusetts Legislature and the Late Mr. Peabody.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—A bill was introduced in the Ohio Senate to-day repealing the Visible Admixture Law, which forbids persons with negro blood to vote, and a bill to compel railroad companies, consolidating with foreign companies, to purchase from the stockholders protesting against consolidation, their stock at the highest market rate.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—A proposition was made in the House, but not acted upon, that both branches of the Legislature attend in a body the ceremonies at Portland on the reception of the remains of the late GEORGE PEABODY. Rev. JOHN A. M. CHAPMAN, Methodist, was elected Chaplain of the House. Petitions asking for the abolition of the franking privilege are circulating in this city.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—The Governor in his annual Message to the Legislature says there is no need, so far as her ability to pay is concerned, that her bonds should sell for less than their par value.

THE INDIANS.

Another Outrage by Sioux—Indians Friendly to Whites Fired on—One Man and Two Women Killed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Governor BURBANK, of Dakota Territory, forwards to the Indian Office a report announcing the killing, Nov. 6, of three Arickarees, two women and one man, and the wounding of a young girl by the SIOUX, supposed to belong to the Grand River agency. The party had been gathering fuel six miles above the village, and were floating down the river on a buffalo boat, when they were fired upon from the bank by a large war party of Sioux. After killing the Indians the party fired the prairie at many places, down as far as Knife River, thus driving all the game out of the country, and destroying the pasturage for their herds this Winter. The damages caused by the raid will reach $10,000. The agent fears that a number of cattle will have to be killed to avert a recurrence of the deplorable condition of affairs that prevailed last Winter, and says he will not hesitate to prevent starvation by the sacrifice of the herd, unless otherwise ordered. The man killed (by the Sioux) was one of the best hunters in the tribe, and his death is a severe blow to many dependent upon him for meat. The Indian attacked belonged to a tribe very friendly to the whites, and the Sioux have, on many occasions, visited their abuse and outrages upon them.

New-Orleans Cotton Market.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Jan. 6.—COTTON quiet and firm; Middling, 16@16¼c.; Sales, 5,800 bales; Receipts, 10,271 bales; Exports—to Liverpool, 6,793 bales; to Bremen, 4,469 bales; to Boston, 431 bales; to Philadelphia, 1,122 bales. BRAN, $1 25. LARD—Tierce, 16c.; Keg, 16½c. WHEAT, $2 00@$2 05. CORN—Shelled unchanged. OATS, 115c. EXCHANGE—Sterling, 32@40; New-York sight, ¼p. discount.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BUFFALO, Jan. 6.—The bodies of LEONARD CROOKER and of his hired man, HENRY WEBB, who perished in the storm, Sunday night last, were found this afternoon in CROOKER's own field, covered with ice, sand and drift wood, where they had been washed and drowned by the tidal wave which broke over the turnpike road near the lake shore, and about 300 feet from where his horse and buggy were found a few days fined.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Dr. C. S. MANCHESTER and wife were arrested this morning for the alleged kidnapping of a little girl, daughter of NEWELL and ABBY SHERMAN, of Weston, Mass. Dr. MANCHESTER is the person who attempted to perform a miracle on the dead body of Mr. SHERMAN, a few days ago.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The United States monitor *Manchineenah* has arrived. She steamed over seven knots per hour on the passage.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6.—The Regents of the Michigan University have adopted a resolution, the effect of which admits women to the University on an equality with men.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—Quite a large meeting was held at the Southern Hotel to-night, to consider the question of removing the national capital.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Last night the store of HARDING & BROTHERS, dry goods dealers at Rockville, Park County, was entered, the safe broken open and robbed of $18,000 in currency. The burglars left their tools and a dark lantern behind.

WASHINGTON.

The Next Tariff—Proposed Enlargement of Nevada at the Expense of Utah—An ex-Revenue Collector of New-York in Trouble—A Novel Joke—The Fifteenth Amendment—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Ways and Means Committee had a long session to-day, but nothing of importance was transacted. They discussed the miscellaneous articles and arrived at no decided conclusion on anything, the effort being made to have the tax on iron again put back to the old figure, but the general impression appears to be that the Committee will not reverse their action on this subject.

ENLARGEMENT OF NEVADA.

Senator STEWART has a bill, which he will introduce as soon as Congress meets, to enlarge the boundaries of the State of Nevada by the addition of a portion of Utah, including some of Salt Lake. The Union Pacific Railroad is pulled within the proposed new boundaries, but the appearance of the State as mapped out by Mr. STEWART is an indescribable figure such as was never known in geometry.

MR. WELLS' REPORT.

Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, of course, is not at all satisfied with the report of Commissioner WELLS, as he announces himself as in course of training and preparation for an onslaught in the House on the facts and deductions of the Commissioner. He will take the earliest opportunity to deliver himself on the subject, and his remarks, whatever they may be, will undoubtedly obtain a large circulation at the hands of the protectionists.

A NEW-YORK EX-COLLECTOR IN TROUBLE.

It is reported here to-day that a well-known ex-Collector of Internal Revenue of New-York City is in trouble. Among the features of his trouble is said to be the fact that he is short in the settlement of his accounts a very large amount, some say $200,000.

THE LATE MR. STANTON.

The Stanton fund is progressing with gratifying results, and a sum exceeding $100,000 will be obtained. The responses from nearly all sections are quite liberal—some from Pittsburg, where the promised efforts have come to naught.

A NAVAL JOB.

Some wags of the naval line at Annapolis got up a burlesque scheme for the redress of the wrongs of the staff, taking the Paymasters' Corps for a subject, making five Chief Paymasters with the rank of Commodore, and the rest of the list in proportion. It was duly circulated among newspaper men in quest of information, and the wags to-night had the pleasure of seeing their joke published, with all the gravity of a regular dispatch, in two of our contemporaries.

GOVERNOR HOFFMAN'S MESSAGE.

A discovery has been made here that is not very flattering to your high-bred, aristocratic and erudite Democratic Governor. It is nothing less than that the principal portion of that part of his message relating to national finances is plagiarized in both idea and expression from Senator MORTON's well remembered financial speech of December, 1869. A comparison of the two will show some very striking coincidences. For a man who expects to contest the Democratic nomination in 1870 with CHASE and PENDLETON this is a very shabby beginning.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Advices received here from Ohio are to the effect that the chances are in favor of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. The Senate will certainly agree to it, and it is now believed that the House will do the same. The action of the New-York Legislature creates little comment here, as it was generally anticipated. It is considered wholly void, as it is held that the Legislature has no jurisdiction over the subject except in obedience to the Constitution and laws of the United States. To prevent confusion from such proceedings in the future, Congress will on reassembling pass Senator WILLIAMS' bill expressly declaring such action on the part of State Legislatures null and void. That will settle the case of New-York very decidedly.

THE CALDWELL EXTRADITION CASE.

The decision in the Caldwell extradition case at Montreal is expected to-morrow. Thus far the officers of this Government have been successful at every stage of the case, and if the decision to-morrow is not favorable, it will only be on the technical ground of the want of jurisdiction of Judge COURSOL, on whose warrant the arrest was made, but in the Ontario District.

THE FOREIGN MAILS.

The contract of two years for the foreign mails is only with the Bremen line. The Hamburg line will take the French mail for Cherbourg every Tuesday, and the French line will take a semi-monthly mail, as heretofore.

PERSONAL.

Among the arrivals to-day is Senator PENTON, who is here for the season. Mrs. PENTON and daughter will be here next week. General GEO. W. SHAFER, of New-York, is also here.

IMPORTANT ARMY ORDER.

The Secretary of War has informed the heads of Bureaus that there are too many officers of staff corps on duty at Washington, in the large cities and at the various Department headquarters, and directs a reduction. Heads of Bureaus are directed to relieve officers who have been on duty at Washington for two years or more, and supply their places, if necessary, with officers who have been on duty at other stations. Any officer who has been here over two years is to be retained as an exception. The new details will last three years, and in the new apportionment credit is to be given officers for duty at remote and unpleasant stations. As many of these officers have property accounts, the order will not take effect before March 31.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

TOBACCO SWEEPINGS.

Application having been made to Commissioner DELANO by dealers in leaf tobacco to be allowed to purchase the scraps, waste and sweepings of cigar manufacturers in bulk, without payment of any tax thereon, in the same manner as manufacturers of cigars are allowed to sell in bulk such clippings and waste to tobacco manufacturers to be used as material, the Commissioner has decided this permission cannot be granted, and the class of tobacco cannot be allowed to be put upon the market as an article of traffic without full compliance with all the requirements of law in regard to this class of tobacco, that is the payment of sixteen cents per pound, and proper packing, as required in all classes of manufactured smoking tobacco.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

Origin of the Movement—Things in Status Quo.

The strike of the operators of the Western Union Telegraph Company still continues, the situation remaining unchanged. The operators express a determination not to yield until their alleged grievances are redressed, while the Company are equally resolute not to yield to the demands of the strikers.

Yesterday morning the operators held a meeting at their rooms, No. 291 Grand-street, which was largely attended. Messages of an encouraging character were received from several of the chief cities in the United States. A second meeting was held in the afternoon, at which General LEFFERTS attended and made a speech, in which he counseled the operators to act with moderation, and expressed an earnest hope that a settlement might be effected upon terms honorable to all parties. The address of General LEFFERTS was well received. Mr. TROUP, of the Printers' Union, and Mr. DRAWBRIDGE, Secretary of the National Labor Union, also spoke and promised the strikers the warm sympathy of the labor organizations they represented.

ORIGIN OF THE STRIKE.

The following is stated to be the true account of the origin of the strike: It commenced, not among the operators who had been for a considerable time employed in the Company's office in San Francisco, but among new men from the East. Prior to the 1st of January, Mr. MUMFORD, the Superintendent at San Francisco, notified certain operators in the office there that changes would be made which would involve a decrease of $5 a month to two men, and an increase of $20 a month to one, being an actual increase in all of $10 per month. Hearing of this, the operators consulted together, and drew up a schedule of rates which involved no decrease of the salary of any of the men, but which while leaving the salaries of the men originally concerned, the same as before, involved an increase of pay of the operators. In the schedule Mr. MUMFORD acceded, in so far that, while the salaries of several operators were advanced, none were reduced. The Company, however, while advancing salaries, notwithstanding the reduction in telegraphic business, found that there was a larger force in the office than was requisite and discharged two men. It would seem, therefore, that the men throughout the country are laboring under a misapprehension, and that while no salaries were reduced the salary of one generally was increased $20 per month. It is claimed that the men, unaware of the true state of the case, are acting under the dictates of the organization known as the Telegraphers' Protective League, whose orders all members are sworn to obey.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

During the evening groups of men were to be seen at the down-town hotels seriously discussing the strike, and speculating and speculating on the probable success of the movement. The offices of the various rival companies were also much frequented by the strikers, who were momentarily receiving dispatches from their brothers in all parts of the Union. The men are orderly and well-conducted, and say that they will not listen to any compromise on the part of the Company. They claim that the strike sprung from the arbitrary action of the Company, and that the settlement must also be initiated by the Company.

VIEWS OF MR. J. W. SIMONTON.

Mr. J. W. SIMONTON, agent of the Association here, says:

"Having examined with care the private cipher correspondence between the officers of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this City and Mr. Geo. H. MUMFORD, the General Agent in charge in California, I think it as quite clear that the pending strike among the telegraph operators is the result of a bold conspiracy by organized parties to avail themselves of the organization known as the Telegraphers' Protective League, to precipitate controversy between the Company and its employes upon fictitious grounds."

NOTE FROM THE COMPANY.

The following address to the public is from the Western Union Telegraph Company:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
No. 145 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

To the Public:

Since the publication this morning of the card signed by the officers of this Company, explaining the circumstances out of which the strike of operators arose, a full and detailed statement of what occurred in California has been received from the Company's agent, Mr. MUMFORD. They are as follows:

About the middle of December Superintendent GAMBLE, desiring to readjust the compensation of the employes to San Francisco according to the value of their services, gave notice to two operators that after January their salaries would be reduced from $120 to $115 a month, and to a third that his salary would be increased from $100 to $120 a month, making an increase in the aggregate compensation of the three of $10 a month. Acting on these notices, as is supposed, the operators at San Francisco united in presenting a schedule of salaries, which they asked to have adopted. In the schedule the two salaries which Mr. GAMBLE had proposed to reduce remained as before, and an increase of four of them was asked for. Mr. MUMFORD so far assented to the schedule as to make no reduction of salaries, and allowed a portion of the proposed increase. He, at the same time, informed the operators that the force in the office was larger than was justified by the diminished business, the number of messages being less than usual, and he accepted lighter. The operators themselves admitted that more men were employed than was strictly necessary. To bring the force thus into harmony with the wants of the business two men were dismissed, but they were not the men whose salaries Mr. GAMBLE had in the first instance proposed to reduce. The salaries of those men remained unchanged, although one of them was dismissed after the reduction of the force above mentioned, a fourth man refused to work at the schedule price, although it was $10 a month higher than he had ever before received. Out of this state of things the strike arose. The facts thus explained fully support Mr. MUMFORD's original statement, that he had reduced no salaries, and had no intention of doing so. He had, in fact, increased them upon the petition of the operators themselves; and the only man who appears to have left because he was dissatisfied with the compensation, refused to work at an advance in his salary of $10 a month. The strike then is not, as the operators here have alleged and supposed, a strike in resistance of a reduction of wages—general or special—but in support of the claim of an individual whose salary has been raised, but not to the so high a figure as he desired, is to not be denied in view of all the circumstances, that the whole body of strikers throughout the Union have left their work with a view and purpose of subjecting the business of the entire country to delay and derangement because some JOHN SMITH in California demanding an increase of $20 in his salary can get only $10. This is the real issue, unless it is further claimed that this Company shall not be permitted to determine how large a force is necessary to do its business, and to increase or diminish it from time to time accordingly. O. H. PALMER, Treasurer.

MISSTATEMENTS CORRECTED.

The statement made in the evening papers that business by the Atlantic cable is refused, except Government dispatches, is untrue. Dispatches to the Associated Press are coming forward as usual.

There are now on duty at the main office Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, 27 operators, in Boston 16, in Philadelphia 10, in Baltimore 5, in Washington 10, in Albany 4, in Troy 4. Business is going forward in good shape.

A New Railroad from Philadelphia to New-York.

For several months past negotiations have been in progress between several small railway companies, whose charters have been obtained but whose tracks have not been laid, for a consolidation and for extension to New-York. On Wednesday afternoon a meeting of capitalists was held in Philadelphia, when steps were taken for the building of the road at an early day.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania incorporated, several years ago, the Philadelphia and Attleborough Railroad Company, with authority to construct a railroad from Philadelphia, through Attleborough, in Bucks County, Penn., to the Delaware River. A survey of the country has recently been made, and it has been ascertained that a line can be constructed from the terminus of this road, over routes already chartered by the Legislature of New-Jersey to New-York, instead of and much shorter than that of the "United Companies of New-Jersey." At the Philadelphia meeting subscriptions for five thousand shares were made after the constitution of the species, and the Attleborough Company were authorized to commence operations immediately. The Board of Officers and Directors under whose direction the scheme is proposed to be carried out, is composed of the following gentlemen: President, Mr. Henry Lewis, of Philadelphia; Vice-President, Mr. Henry Hamilton, of Camden; Treasurer, Edward S. Knight, of Philadelphia; Directors, Matthew Baird, Jacob Retel, Charles Gibbons, Charles M. Duprey, of Philadelphia; Samuel R. Wilson and E. S. Livingstone, of Trenton; A. R. Clark, of Oneida, N. Y.

The amount of capital of the projected Company has not been named.

ALBANY.

Adjournment of the Legislature—The Standing Committees—The Governor's Appointments—Bills for Reconstructing New-York City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 6, 1870.

Both Houses of the Legislature met at the usual hour this morning, and after a brief session, adjourned over to Tuesday next, at 11 A. M. This long adjournment is partly to give Speaker SCHUYLER time to make up his Committees, and partly to enable the Democratic lawmakers to attend the "American Club" ball in New-York to-night.

THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

All sorts of speculations are indulged in as to who are going to be Chairmen of the various Committees of the Assembly, but as they will be announced on Tuesday next your correspondent is not disposed to repeat the names of half the Democrats in the Assembly for the sake of hitting the right ones. Pretty much the only sure thing about it is that none of them will be Republicans, and all of them will be such men as TWEED and SWEENY choose to select—FREAR most probably for Chairman of Cities, JACOBS for Ways and Means, KIERNAN for Commerce and Navigation, FLAGG or IRVING for Railroads, and so on. The Republicans, it is given out, are to have a very small share, not more than two members on any of the committees. JOHN H. WHITE, as the Republican from New-York, will probably have a place on the Committee on Cities, and LITTLEJOHN, as the President of the Midland Railroad, will most likely represent the party on the Railroad Committee. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor ALVORD may have a chair in the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR FEW OFFICES.

The Governor's appointments are also the fruitful theme of speculation and conjecture, and every candidate for a place in the gift of His Excellency (and there are at least 500 applicants for each one of them) is anxious to get his name announced as having been already chosen by the Governor, in order to forestall his rivals. I shall not gratify any of them by giving even their initials, but will merely state for their information and that of the public that the Governor has just about forty offices, all told, to bestow, (by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,) and that the applications on file number at present 17,430. With the aid of DABOLL'S *Arithmetic* and a little mathematical calculation, each candidate may be enabled to figure up his exact chances.

RECONSTRUCTING NEW-YORK CITY.

The first week of the Democratic Legislature closes with a list of forty or fifty bills introduced, and the passage of the resolution rescinding the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. A good share of the new bills relate to the abolition of the New-York Commissions, and it is a noticeable fact—and one which indicates that the City Democracy are not at all harmonious in their schemes of reconstructing the Government of the Metropolis, however cordially they may agree in tearing down what Republicans have done—that the New-York members in both Houses are introducing three or four bills on the same subject—each man going on his own hook, and each having his pet scheme for an Excise law, a Police law, a Health law, &c., &c. The Tammany Ring has held two or three caucuses to try and bring about some concert of action on the subject of remodeling the Government of New-York City, but it was no go. All the City members are anxious to get the *éclat* of having introduced the successful bill for the repeal of this or that odious act of Radical legislation, and each one insists upon introducing his own bill. But the Ring controls the formation of the Committees, and there is where these ambitious schemes of the small fry of Tammany will find a burial from which there will be no resurrection. The only bills relating to New-York City that will ever get reported from the Committees will be such as were drafted or approved of by PETER B. SWEENY. S.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 6.

Mr. HARDENBURGH, Senator from the Fourteenth District, appeared and took the oath of office. A message was received from the Assembly, stating that they had concurred in the resolution relative to the Fifteenth Amendment.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. BOWEN—For a canal bridge at Albion, Orleans County.

By Mr. BOWEN—Prescribing the jurisdiction of the Court of Sessions, and to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Justices of Sessions.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—To repeal the act relative to Courts of Common Pleas, so far as the same relates to the County of Westchester, for holding Courts at White Plains, and to authorize the sale of the Bedford Court House.

By Mr. MURPHY—Providing for the election of Judges of the New-York Common Pleas and the Court of Appeals.

Mr. MURPHY's bill provides that a Chief Judge and six Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be chosen by the electors of the State on the third Tuesday of May next, pursuant to the amended judiciary article of the Constitution, and that the electors at New-York County, three additional Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—the latter Judges to enter on duty next July.

By Mr. BOWEN—Relative to County Courts; also, relative to the Supreme Court; also, relative to the Court of and Commissioners of Appeals.

The Supreme Court bill provides for abrogating the existing General Term of the Supreme Court after May 1, and the transfer of all causes to the new General Term, to be organized according to the seventh section of the new Constitution. The counties of New-York, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, Richmond and Westchester shall constitute a First Department; Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Delaware, Schoharie, Montgomery, Hamilton, Fulton, Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Essex, Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Lewis and Oneida, the second; Jefferson, Oswego, Madison, Chenango, Broome, Cortland, Onondaga, Cayuga, Tompkins, Yates, Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, Wayne, Ontario, Steuben, Yates, Livingston, Monroe, Allegany, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Niagara, Erie and Chautauqua the third. Prior to May 1 there shall be called and held a each General Term of the Supreme Court, to be composed of a Presiding Justice and two Associate Justices; and the first designation for such Justices shall be made by the Governor from the whole bench of Justices of the Supreme Court.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

The President announced the appointment of pages, messengers and the following officers: Sergeant-at-Arms, JOHN W. HANNON, of Rochester; Postmaster, JAMES KINNEY; Librarian, EUGENE WOOD, of Albany; Keeper of the Chamber, EDWARD DONAHOE; Janitor, MYRON SHARE. The Senate then adjourned until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

ASSEMBLY.

The annual report of the Banking Department was received.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. JACOBS—To alter the Commissioners' map of Brooklyn.

By Mr. FRASE—To repeal the act relative to equalizing assessments on real estate and personal property by the Lewis County Supervisors.

By Mr. FAYSS—To provide for paying damages caused by the overflow of the Tonawanda Creek.

By Mr. LOWNDES—To repeal the Union Police law.

By Mr. RAY—To regulate freight charges on railroads.

By Mr. HASBROUCK—To amend the act providing for the erection of a new Capitol.

By Mr. FLEMMING—To amend the act authorizing the construction of a mail road from New-York to Albany, passed May 12, 1869.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. KIERNAN offered a resolution to refer the Governor's Message to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JACOBS inquired whether it was proposed to cut off all discussion on the Message.

Mr. ALVORD said it had been customary to first discuss the Message, and then refer it as proposed; that he considered it a custom which would be most honored in the breach than in the observance, for it was only used as a basis for making lamentable speeches.

Mr. JACOBS said if the minority did not want to discuss the Message he was satisfied. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. FRASE offered a concurrent resolution protesting against the interference of the General Government in State elections.

Mr. MITCHELL moved that all bills relative to repealing the Excise law be presented and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The motion was lost. On motion of Mr. MITCHELL the bills were then ordered to be printed.

Adjourned till Tuesday next.

THE STATE CANALS.

Report of the Auditor of the Canal Department—Receipts and Expenditures—The Canal Debt—The Question of Tolls—Review of the Year's Business.

The annual financial report of the Auditor of the Canal Department, just submitted to the Legislature, gives the following statements, showing the financial operations of the canals for the last fiscal year:

Balance in the Treasury and invested Oct. 1, 1868	$4,[illegible] 44
Received during the year ending 30th September, 1869	8,110,[illegible] 70
Total	12,[illegible] 14
Paid during the same period	8,[illegible] 05
Leaving a balance 30th September, 1869, of	$4,[illegible] 09

The above balance is deposited and invested as follows, viz.:

Amount deposited in banks	$2,194,[illegible] 40
Amount invested in the Astor stock	118,[illegible] 00
Amount invested in stock of the State	20,[illegible] 00
Amount invested in U. S. 10-40 bonds	50,000 00
Real estate, &c., Bank of Corning	2,[illegible] 00
Total	$2,[illegible] 55

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

The sources from which the canal revenues have been derived during the last fiscal year, and the objects for which payments have been made, is briefly stated as follows:

Receipts.

Tolls collected on all the canals	$4,112,[illegible] 62
Rents of surplus water	1,[illegible] 40
Interest on current revenue	46,[illegible] 22
Miscellaneous receipts	[illegible] 62
Total	$4,161,[illegible] 10

Payments.

To Canal Commissioners, for ordinary repairs	$267,[illegible] 19	
To contractors, for repairs	[illegible] 00	
To superintendents, for repairs	51,[illegible] 87	
To collectors, for salaries, clerk hire, use of locks, and other expenses of collector's offices	77,419 04	
To superintendents and assistants	[illegible]	
For salaries chargeable to all canal revenues, including tolls, tonnage and other interest payments	[illegible] 12—	1,[illegible] 62
Surplus revenues		$2,[illegible] 48
*Amount paid on repair contracts		$616,614 73
Amount for extra work outside of our limits		108,[illegible] 10
Total		$724,[illegible] 83

REVENUES—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The following statement shows the aggregate receipts and payments on account of the ordinary expenses of the canals for the last four years:

	1869.	1867.
Receipts from tolls, &c.	$4,[illegible] 22	$4,[illegible] 72
Payments to superintendents and contractors for repairs	$[illegible] 00	$[illegible] 10
Payments by Canal Commissioners for repairs	[illegible] 20	[illegible] 51
Payments to collectors, weigh-masters and assistant collectors	85,[illegible] 00	87,[illegible] 00
Refunding tolls, salaries, &c.	18,[illegible] 62	57,[illegible] 74
Overflow on Champlain Canal	63,[illegible] 22	
Total expense	$1,[illegible] 73	$1,[illegible] 66
Net receipts	$2,[illegible] 39	$2,[illegible] 14
	1868.	1866.
Receipts from tolls, &c.	$4,[illegible] 27	$4,[illegible] 10
Payments to Superintendents and repairs, Contractors	$[illegible] 00	$[illegible] 12
Payments to Canal Commissioners for repairs	241,[illegible] 18	[illegible] 00
Payments to Collectors and clerk-masters and weigh-masters	80,[illegible] 81	80,[illegible] 00
Refunding tolls, salaries of officers, &c.	77,[illegible] 39	[illegible] 10
Total expense for the year	$1,[illegible] 04	$1,[illegible] 62
Net receipts	$2,[illegible] 23	$2,[illegible] 48

This statement shows a falling off in the toll receipts of the last fiscal year as compared with those of 1868, of $410,[illegible] 56, as follows:

Decrease in tolls	$416,[illegible] 67
Increase in expenditures	[illegible] 88
Decrease in net receipts	$410,[illegible] 55

The above deficiency in the net receipts for 1869, as compared with 1868, may be attributed to a variety of causes, but chiefly the following: The late opening of the canals for navigation in the Spring; a short corn crop; a short supply of coal; unremunerative markets for wheat and flour, and a reduction of tolls. Except the

GEORGIA.

Christmas at the South—The Servants' Holidays—Field Labor Arrangements—Political Prospects—The Legislature and the Fifteenth Amendment—Effect of the Recent Action of Congress.

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 30, 1869.

The festivity of Christmas at the South, under the existing order of things, socially, is more nominal than real. My remark applies exclusively to the "white folks," who are in the habit of having servants to perform domestic duties, and who, from Christmas eve until after New Year's Day, are compelled either to perform those duties for themselves or leave them unperformed altogether. To clean, feed and water one's own horses, wash one's carriage and brush one's own boots, or leave these things undone, is an alternative which is by no means festive in the common acceptation of the term, and yet such is very generally the fate during this week of those who have horses to be fed and boots to be cleaned. Christmas week at the South is like moving day—the 1st of May—in New-York and Brooklyn. All servants are hired from Christmas to Christmas; that is, the service commences on the 1st or 2d of January and terminates practically, though not theoretically, on the 25th of December. For a month previous the housekeeper is on the lookout for servants for "another year." If he or she asks those he or she has whether they are going to stay, in nineteen cases out of twenty the answer is "I dunno, I can't make no 'rangements until after Krismus," and when the time actually comes—when the festive season begins—its arrival is announced by a demand from Jim, Dinah and Polly to "settle up, they'se a gwine to see der folks." No coaxing, bribery or persuasion can move them from their affectionate purpose, and whoever wants to be even moderately festive, has to make his own egg-nogg, drink it, and "do his own work" for a week with as much resignation as possible. On plantations, during Christmas week, work of every sort ceases. But this was the custom in old times, and though the hands have no longer the justification with presents and good things for the children provided for them, they regard the total cessation from labor as an inalienable right. Hence, servants demand and exercise the same privilege, so that in most households things are very much "at sixes and sevens," until new servants are hired, have moved in and settled down to their various avocations. The result is, that "Christmas comes but once a year," and most people are very glad of it. I have been visiting away in the country during the past ten days, making myself as festive as I could under the circumstances. I was unfortunately staying in a house where the master and mistress had no children or relations with them to aid in the performance of the household duties, and my experience has led me to recommend that whoever accepts an invitation to spend Christmas ought to inform himself beforehand either that the host's servants are not "gwine to see der folks," or that his family is sufficiently large, and able, and willing to make the absence of the Africans less disagreeably manifest. It is a truth as old as unpleasant that in the sweat of our face shall we eat bread; but it is not agreeable, certainly not festive, to be reminded of the lamentable consequences of "man's first disobedience" by looking at the face of your friend's wife as she hands you hot rolls and waffles at breakfast.

EXPLOYER AND EMPLOYED.

To a considerable extent planters are satisfied that the best, most economical and most satisfactory manner for employed and employer of compensating field laborers is to pay them stated monthly wages in money, to make no advances of anything, to furnish regular rations and thus have no accounts to settle at the end of the year. Immediately after the emancipation of the negroes the planters were compelled by lack of means to give their hands "a share of the crop" for their year's labor, and this plan has obtained ever since to a great extent. It was thought, too, that giving the laborer an interest in the crop would stimulate him to greater and more diligent effort, as the greater the amount gathered the greater his share. But latterly it has been found that monthly wages, paid half at the end of each month and the balance in cash at the end of the year, is the best plan, and was about being adopted by planters whose means would permit them to do so, but strange to say, the negroes seem to be unwilling to accept it, preferring the "share of the crop." Their first choice is to "get as much land as they can tend and go it themselves;" that is, that the planter should divide his plantation into little "holdings" like those of the Irish cotter, build numbers of log cabins, one for each holding, find mule and horse power, seed and implements, advance money during the year for food, furnish fuel, and get a share of what each of these cotters chooses to make. Wherever I have seen this plan tried, it has invariably resulted in total failure. I have personal knowledge of several instances during the past four years, and I do not know of one where either the landowner or the negro has made anything. There is, therefore, a general indisposition to allow this "holding" plan, and the negroes, finding that the planters will not agree to it, are generally accepting the share of the crop—a third of the cotton and corn where they feed themselves, or a fourth where they receive weekly rations, with lodging and fuel. I do not think there will be any difficulty in planters obtaining what laboring force they desire for the coming year. As I have already remarked, they will not be able to increase it, and cannot, therefore, extend their operations; but they will be able to retain their force of this year, and will plant about the same area. In all the settlements between planters and their hands which I have seen, both parties have been well satisfied. The crop has been fairly divided and sold, and the proceeds justly apportioned; and I also find that in the majority of cases the hands are anxious to stay where they are, and the employers are willing to retagnize them.

CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATURE.

In the political world there is a good deal of apprehension and uncertainty. The effect of the recent action of Congress is variously judged, or, rather, I should say, prophecied. Those who are best informed and who regard things most coolly believe that even when the expelled negroes are reseated in the Legislature, and when the purging process has been completed, the Democrats will still have a working majority in both Houses. By this I do not mean to be understood as saying that there will be a majority opposed to the Fifteenth Amendment. On the contrary, I feel satisfied that many Democrats will vote for the amendment. Very many did so before, and if the Republicans who voted against it will now support it, I think its adoption is certain. The number now holding seats in the Legislature, and who are disqualified by the Fourteenth Amendment—that is, who held office before the war and voluntarily took part in the rebellion, is said to be very small, not including at the outside half a dozen who have not had their disabilities removed by Congress. There is some considerable talk about the Democratic members resigning in a body and leaving the Legislature without a quorum when it assembles on the 10th of January, but I do not believe that such a course will be adopted. Neither can I discover any disposition anywhere to offer violent opposition to the action of Congress. I think it will be found that the Legislature will meet on the 10th, the negro members will be seated, the Fifteenth Amendment will be adopted, and if any squabbling takes place, it will be about purely local matters connected with the administration of the finances of the State. Some express doubt as to the effect which the return of the State to a Provisional Government will have upon the election and appointment of State officers under the supposed permanent State organization. Will the appointment of Judges, &c., be annulled, the places declared vacant and new appointments made? Will a new election for members take place? Will the laws passed by the Legislature be declared null, and will everything be done again as if this was the first session of the Legislature under the new Constitution. There may be "lively times" at Atlanta, but I see no reason to apprehend any disturbance of the peace of society. Certainly no disposition of it he kind is manifested in any quarter, and it may be seen from the tone of the Press that while there is an almost universal expression of disapproval of the action of Congress, there is an equally unanimous expression of advice to submit patiently and peacably. There are several fresh vacancies in both Senate and House of Representatives, so new elections having been ordered. This fact increases the power of the Democrats to block progress by resigning and leaving the General Assembly without a quorum. But still I do not believe it will be done.

HEAVY RAINS

There have been heavy, continuous rains for the past few days, and the rivers are very much swollen. To-day is bright and clear, and it looks as if 1869 intended to "come in like a lamb." The hyacinths, ranunculuses and other bulbs are already sprouting, the wheat fields are green and promising, and the fertilizers are moving in every direction, spreading more stench than fertility. QUONDAM.

CURRENT NOTES.

Governor CLAFLIN, of Massachusetts, will send in his Message on Saturday.

The New-Haven Police arrested a student on Wednesday for breaking a street lamp.

The Boston *Advertiser* suggests that if you want to find a live-long Friend, you had better get introduced to a Quaker.

A Providence druggist "by mistake" gave a lady poison instead of medicine on Wednesday, and she will probably die.

A Kansas paper is proud of the fact that its town has "a very neat and railroad-like depot."

The Boston Alumni of Dartmouth College are to dine together on the evening of the 20th. These college boys do like good dinners.

Ten thousand Philadelphians have signed a petition to the Legislature for the enactment of a law limiting the number of passengers in a street car to thirty.

A good lady residing in a seaport town in New-Hampshire, once asserted that she "didn's like the photographers in P——, they always made the ocean smell."

A nephew of Hon. JOHN C. CALHOUN is a street car conductor in the City of Charleston, S. C., and he is quite as good a conductor as if he were the nephew of any other man.

The New-Hampshire Republican State Convention meets in Concord to-day. Governor STRONG will be renominated, in accordance with the usage of the party. The election occurs in March.

Philadelphia has just broken up a predatory band, known among themselves as the "Forty Thieves," who had for "Queen" the daughter of a preacher in Germantown, Penn., who once was a missionary to India.

The school officers of Rhode Island are to hold a convention in Providence (that they may, if possible, define more fully and clearly the duties and responsibilities of teachers, parents and school officers.

The St. Lawrence at Ogdensburg was higher on Monday than at any previous time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. JOHN BERNARD's house was entirely surrounded by water.

The Albany Penitentiary is to be enlivened for three months by the presence of a youthful negro who sold a dressed cat for a fine large rabbit. His mistake was decided to be wanton and malicious mischief.

The Albany *Evening Journal* finds it necessary to explain that, when the types made it speak of S. S. PRESTON, the murderer of the South, it meant to allude to him as the thunderer of the South.

United States Mail Agent THOMAS C. SMITH found a package containing $20,000 in cash, in the New-Haven depot, on Saturday. He returned it to its owner, a Boston soap manufacturer, and received as a reward $1,000 and a diamond pin.

Governor GEARY, of Pennsylvania, signed seven death warrants last year, which were executed, except in the case of GEO. S. TWITMYER, who committed suicide in his cell. The Governor pardoned HESTER VAUGHAN, sentenced to be executed for infanticide.

In describing a murderer the Missouri Democrat says that he is not "prepossessing in his personal appearance," and a Cincinnati paper inquires: "Who ever saw a deliberate murderer that was?" What does this paper think of WILKES BOOTH?

Prince HYCHING and TSUDA, with their suites, arrived in Chicago on Tuesday, on their way to this City from Japan, which land they left on the 2d of November. They are coming to be educated, and will spend seven years in this country.

Baltimore is excited at the evil deeds of bodysnatchers, and the negroes are horrified by the report that, the supply of dead bodies being scarce, heartless gangs of men occasionally seize dark men in the streets, on dark nights, take them into dark rooms, and there savagely kill them.

The Bloomington (Ill.) *Pantagraph* says it has known quite a number of instances in that community "where persons upon whom death had a visible mortgage have succeeded in effecting insurance upon their lives, and who have soon after died, leaving the honest and sound subjects to pay the losses."

The delegates to the New-Hampshire Democratic State Convention refused to hear the eulogy of the late ex-President PIERCE, which one of their number attempted to deliver, merely because they were anxious to return to their homes, and feared they should miss the last trains.

Hon. THEOPHILUS PARSONS has declined to withdraw his resignation as Professor in the the Harvard Law School, saying that he has held the office more than twenty years, and that, even if he might hope his services would continue to be welcome for a short time longer, it could only be for a short time.

Captain ALEXANDER HAMILTON STANTON, U. S. A., son of Hon. B. STANTON, of Wheeling, W. Va., died at his father's residence on Sunday. He graduated at Yale in 1859, and served with distinction during the war. He was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and was confined in Libby Prison four or five months. Since the war he has been on duty in Idaho and Oregon.

The Annapolis Naval Academy Boat Club is to row a race with the new crew of the Junior Class of Harvard, of which J. SELDEN MCCORD is Captain, and in which there is only one of the crew which rowed in England, Mr. PAY. Admiral PORTER expressed a desire that the race should be either at Annapolis or at West Point, between six-oared boats.

In an official order announcing the death of Congressman HOPKINS, Governor FAIRCHILD, of Wisconsin, says: "In the full vigor of life, in the midst of a career of great usefulness, he has passed from the earth. A public servant of rare efficiency, an intelligent, faithful representative of his constituents, a firm and generous friend, his name will be held dear to the people he has so long and so often served."

Hon. JOSEPH SEGAR tells the Virginians that there is but one difficulty in the way of reconstruction, and that is to satisfy Congress that the Constitution, as it stands, will have a fair trial before any attempt at amendment; and he adds that he most positively knows that at the time of the recess some of the prominent Radicals, including General BUTLER, required to be satisfied only on this point.

A five-year-old boy in New-London, Connecticut, found his father's loaded pistol the other day, and thinking to have some fun, placed his little sisters in a row, and pointing the pistol at No. 1, said, "Stand still, sissy, stand still, and I'll play shoot like papa." His hand was on the trigger, when, at the critical moment, his mother entered the room, took in the situation at a glance, and prevented a tragedy.

We have received a pamphlet entitled *A Report from the Cottonses*. Of course, it was written "by a Bostonian." Looking at the last page first we read that: "In that musical millennium the time will be down with the Rash. Critics and composers, audiences and singers will become convertible terms, and the only stimulus left will be mutual admiration." We submit that the "mutual admiration" part of "that musical millenium" is not far off from Boston to-day.

A man was forcibly ejected from a street car in Boston last week, and died from injuries thus sustained. The Coroner's jury investigated the case, and returned the verdict: "The jurors find that the deceased was intoxicated at the time of the ejectment, and that no more force was employed than was necessary to overcome the resistance offered by him. They do further find, that the deceased was quiet, peaceable and inoffensive, and that the act of ejectment was unwarranted and a violation of his rights as a citizen."

The Republicans in the Maine Legislature nominated THOMAS B. REED for Attorney-General, and the Democrats nominated ALBERT W. BRADBURY. They both practice law in Portland, and both graduated at Bowdoin College in the Class of 1848. The Democrats nominated the handsomest member of the class, and the Republicans the ablest. These facts may or may not be suggestive.

Our Democratic rulers are receiving much advice from outsiders of their own party. The Boston *Post* suggests to them that "if merely local and personal advantage is to be permitted to inspire the conduct of the regent party, public disappointment and disapprobation must inevitably follow. But if," and it is a very forcible if, "this rare opportunity for drawing out afresh the faith of the nation in pure Democratic ideas shall be unskillfully, perfidiously improved, the new sunshine of Democratic rule may be expected soon to make the whole country stagnant with peace and permanent prosperity."

The St. Louis *Republican*, speaking of one of the new Congressmen from Texas, says: EDWARD DEGENER was born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1818. He played a prominent part in the revolution of 1848, where he was the leader of the Liberal Party in the Diet of Anhalt. Disgusted by the reactionary movement, which seemed to thwart forever the success of the Liberals in Germany, he emigrated to this country and established himself in West Texas. Twenty years after he had made himself a prominent position in the councils of a German duodecimal principality, he was elected a representative of the mightiest nation on earth. He is the second member of Congress born in Germany.

A colored man engaged to answer the bell at a residence in Indianapolis, on New-Year's Day, was discovered attempting to prevent the entrance of a gentleman who did not tender his card. The lady rebuked him, but the "boy" excused himself by saying that he thought she "would lose money, for a good many had already gone in without tickets." And afterwards, on giving an account of his stewardship, he pulled from his numerous pockets a large number of cards, and laid them upon the table, stating that they were all he could get, and adding: "Lots of de gentmen went in without no tickets, but he couldn't help it, and he was sure they must of lost heaps of money."

Rev. R. B. SCOWDEN delivered a sermon on Thanksgiving Day in Honolulu, in which he contended that the world is growing better, and thanked God for the times we live in, not as an absolute good but as better than any period of the past, and full of promise that better days still are drawing on. He said that the present is an age when moral ideas hold the sceptre in society, and an era of wide views, of concentrated and united action, of great things and of great expectations. Finally, he urged: "Let us not lose the enthusiasm of hope, but rather enlarge our expectations, for the hand of Him who is saving the world is opening wide to pour down unstinted benedictions. Go up with gladness, on this festive day, into the watch-towers of faith, for the white-winged fleet of a world's full salvation is even now in the offing, loaded down with all the treasures for which the suffering millions of our globe have pined so long."

RIGHTS OF AUTHORS.

The "Mary Warner" Case in Chicago—Decision of Judge Drummond.

In the United States Court in Chicago, on Friday, Judge DRUMMOND delivered a decision in the case of GEORGE CROWE, the husband of the actress known as Miss KATE BATEMAN, against FRANK E. AIKEN, for an injunction to restrain the representation of the drama of "Mary Warner" upon the stage of the Chicago Museum. The decision was on the motion to dissolve the injunction, and supported the position taken by the complainant, seeking to remove the injunction. After detailing the circumstances of the case, Judge DRUMMOND said:

"The author of any literary or dramatic work is the sole proprietor of the manuscript, and its contents, if he chooses, and keeps it out of the hands of the public, he can do so; he does not publish it, or part with the rights of property. This is called a common law right, and exists irrespective of copyright statutes. This right protects the author against the publication of his manuscript, but not against the play upon the stage in manuscript, and was unpublished, and he is entitled to a decree in equity, and will prevent him, or his assignee, in a proper case, just as it will the owner of any other species of property. These Judges who decided the cases of WOOLSEY vs. MARWICK, and COLLIER vs. TAYLOR, and in DONALDSON vs. BECKETT, decided a hundred years ago, it has always been thought, and the thought of the ablest men in their day in the great discussion to which they gave rise, subject to the qualification stated, it has generally been admitted in this country. Mr. TAYLOR then was the proprietor of the manuscript of "Mary Warner" unfinished, and when transferred to the plaintiff the latter became the proprietor on the terms of the transfer. Has the right of property been lost? It is conceded that if the author, before the publication of the play, by representation, there can be no doubt that, under the rule now established in the Courts, it might become public property in the manner hereafter stated, after representation.

"There is some question whether the acting of a unpublished play has at common law the sole right of representation, but as, in the play cited

immediately communicated to the Nantucket, but before the headway of that vessel could be reversed, the bow crushed her towards, plunging into the Marie, cutting her to the water's edge, and causing her to sink in about ten minutes.

The officers and crew, with the exception of four firemen, were saved by the boats of the steamer. The firemen who were lost were understood to have been asleep in their berths at the time of the collision. The Manhattan was on her way to Portland, Me., to pay the proper honors to the memory of the late GEO. PEABODY, whose remains are expected shortly to arrive at that port.

STREET CLEANING.

Estimated Cost of the Work—What Was Done by the Board of Health with $3,547 54.

The demand made by JOHN L. BROWN, manager of the street cleaning contract, for an increase in the compensation for cleaning the streets to $1,000,000 per annum, was based upon the assertion that the present price of $400,000 is not sufficient to keep the streets in a clean condition. It is exceedingly difficult to obtain any reliable and full data upon which to estimate the cost of cleaning the streets, but an essentially correct idea may be formed from a report made by Sanitary Superintendent HAMMAN of his street cleaning operations of last Summer, pursuant to an order of the Board of Health. The material portion of this report reads as follows:

The total length of streets cleaned at the expense of the Board, and paid for out of the special fund, averaged between forty-five and forty-eight miles per week. This work comprised the removal of the dirt only from such streets as the Board authorized me to have so cleaned, and in all other streets the dirt was hoed and swept into heaps, the gutters were cleaned and swept, and, until the scarcity of water supply forbade in September, the hydrants and hose were freely employed to wash out all filthy gutters. It will be observed that about one-fifth portion of the streets between the Battery and the Central Park were thus cleaned and disinfected by the Board of Health every week during the two and a half months here mentioned. The Fourth, Sixth, Tenth, Eleventh, Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards received more of this cleaning than other wards, principally in the streets traversed by horse-railroad cars. The quantity of materials used in disinfecting streets amounted to 2,606 gallons of heavy oil of coal tar, 261 casks of quick lime, 1,825 pounds chloride of lime. * * * The total cost of the work and materials foots up as follows, the accounts having been made up with much care by Mr. HORTON, Cashier in the Sanitary Superintendent's office: Labor (may roll), $2,819 39; disinfectants, 203 30; utensils and repairs, 295 70; horse and stable expenses, 219 75; making an aggregate of $3,547 54.

It will be seen from these figures that a comparatively very trifling amount of which one-fourth was expended for disinfectants, served to keep one-fifth of the entire street surface of the City south of Fifty-ninth-street in a condition of cleanliness favorable to the public health. Some of the dirt certainly was not removed, but the use of the disinfectants would have been more than sufficient for that purpose. Therefore the contractor could have kept 40 miles of streets clean for two and a half months for that amount, and at the same rate the entire City could be kept in the same condition for about $800,000 per annum. This amount would not of course permit of daily cleanings, but it would pay for all the attention the streets have had in the past or are likely to get in the future.

The Medical College for Women and the Late Dr. Lozier.

At a meeting of the students of the New-York Medical College for Women, last Tuesday, at which P. J. B. WAITE was Chairman, and MIRA Y. HOWARD Secretary, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Dr. CHARLOTTE D. LOZIER. That by this dispensation of Him who ordereth all things this College has lost its President and Consulting Professor, the medical profession a promising and talented member, the cause of women a prominent and representative advocate, and we ourselves a sincere and valued personal friend and instructor. That during our association, first as students and afterwards as students, the gentleness of her manner, the purity of her character, and the ability and untiring energy with and with which she has devoted herself to the welfare of the College, has gained for her our profound respect and warmest personal regard. That although she has been called away in the bloom of youth, and before she could see the opening of her professional career, her life has been one of eminent usefulness, devoid of ostentation, and above all, matured by the constant exercise of those traits of Christian character, faith, hope and charity. The memory of her exemplary life shall be cherished by us as a sacred legacy.

That these resolutions be published in the City papers, and that a copy be transmitted to the family of the Deceased.

The Wilkes Libel Suit—One of the Accused Held to Bail to Answer.

In accordance with Justice DOWLING's message, Mr. SANDERS D. BRUCE, the senior partner in the firm of BRUCE & STIMSON, publishers of the sporting newspaper known as the *Turf, Field and Farm*, appeared before that Magistrate to answer a charge of libel preferred against him and his partner by CHAS. J. POSNER, in the name of GEORGE WILKES, the well-known editor. Counsel for Mr. BRUCE stated that inasmuch as Mr. STIMSON was out of town on a visit to Iowa, he could not appear, but would, no doubt, do so on his return. As regarded Mr. BRUCE, he intended to waive all rights to an examination, preferring to give bail and await the action of the Grand Jury. The Magistrate accordingly fixed the bail at $1,000, which was promptly furnished by Mr. OTTO M. CUTLER, of No. 141 Lexington-avenue. The papers will be forwarded to the Grand Jury for indictment action. In his formal examination, Mr. BRUCE said his age was 44 years, that he is a native of Kentucky, and resides at No. 426 East Fifty-seventh-street.

Singular Shooting Affair.

Yesterday afternoon MARK COHEN, a German, residing at No. 96 Oliver-street, was in the act of entering his house, when a boy in a vacant lot across the street deliberately pointed a pistol at him, discharged the weapon, the bullet from which entered the right breast of COHEN, who fell to the street, the boy at the same moment running away, escaped before he could be identified. COHEN was taken in charge by the Police, and a surgeon being sent for, the bullet was extracted. The wound was found to be of such a serious character that the injured man was conveyed to Bellevue Hospital. He knowledge has yet been obtained of the boy or the motive that induced him to inflict the wound, but it is presumed his act was more the result of carelessness than of malice.

Proposed New Buildings.

The following new buildings have been proposed since Jan. 1, 1870:

BROWN-STONE FRONTS.

Five first-class dwellings, north side of Seventy-first-street, 100 feet east of the Boulevard, 20x55, three stories, basement and cellar; J. W. COMBS, Jr., owner.

Two first-class dwellings, north side of Sixty-seventh-street, 400 feet west of Fifth-avenue, 22.10x52, four stories, basement and cellar; HUGH O'NEILL, owner.

One first-class dwelling, south side of Forty-sixth-street, 150 feet east of Seventh-avenue, 17x59, three stories and basement; SAMUEL LYNCH, owner.

One first-class dwelling, south side of Thirty-seventh-street, 60 feet west of Third-avenue, 20x45, four stories; A. KENNEDY & SON, owners.

One first-class dwelling, south side of One Hundred and Twenty-second-street, 100 feet west of Third-avenue, 18x46, three stories and basement; EDWARD B. STEAD, owner.

BRICK FRONTS.

Four first-class dwellings, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth-street, east of First-avenue, 18.8x40; three stories; JAMES A. SUTHAN, owner.

One first-class store, No. 76 Church-street, 18x60; four stories; SCHERTZER & LEVY, owners.

One tenement house, east side of First-avenue, 102.2 feet north of Sixty-third-street, 25x60; four stories and cellar; J. C. DORIS, owner.

One tenement house, No. 55 Allen-street, 25x61; five stories; F. HURLIN and HENRY UTHAPP, owners.

One tenement house, No. 249 West Eighteenth-street, 25x61, five stories; WM. MULRY, owner.

One tenement house, No. 63 Henry-street, (rear,) four stories; FRANCIS MURAS, owner.

One tenement house, No. 127 East Broadway, 24.9x61, four stories; LYLE REID, owner.

One tenement house, No. 252 West Forty-eighth-street, (rear,) 25x46, four stories and cellar; MICHAEL HOGAN, owner.

One per-manent house, east side of Avenue C, near the end Lombard-street, 25x61, five stories; GEORGE F. CARMANY, owner.

One second-class dwelling, south side of Seventy-seventh-street, 225 feet west of Third-avenue, 20x45, two stories and basement; WM. LEWERSON, owner.

One first-class dwelling, south side of Twenty-sixth-street, 225 feet east of Tenth-avenue, 20x45, four stories; J. N. & E. ANDREWS, owners.

Two first-class dwellings, Nos. 119 and 121 Suffolk-street, 18x60, five stories; CHARLES A. GOELZER, owner.

One second-class dwelling, east side of Second-avenue, east of Second-avenue, 25x57, four stories; FREDERICK SCHMIDT, owner.

One first-class dwelling, west side of Third-avenue, 75 feet north of Eighty-seventh-street, 22x60, three stories; WESLEY WEST, owner.

One tenement house, west side of Tenth-avenue, 25 feet south of Twenty-first-street, 25x50, five stories; W. JONES, owner.

One second-class dwelling, south side of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street, 240 feet west of Third-avenue, 18x46, two stories; THOMAS BRADY, owner.

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY.

One first-class dwelling, south side of Ninety-second-street, 100 feet south of Avenue A, 20x45, four stories; JOHN WALKER and SAMUEL SADLOW, owners.

Two tenement houses, south side of Sixty-fourth-street, 100 feet west of Second-avenue, 50x100, five stories; WESLEY H. MUHLENS, owner.

Five tenement houses, north side of Sixty-fourth-street, 100 feet east of Third-avenue, four stories and cellar; JOHN DOWDING, owner.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number	41	First-class dwellings	22
Brown-stone fronts	10	Second-class dwellings	1
Brick fronts	20	Tenement houses	14
Miscellaneous	11	Stores, &c.	18

LAW REPORTS.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 6, 1870.

The Court of Appeals day calendar for Jan. 7 comprises the following numbers: 11, 12, 15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½, 18, 18½, 19, 19½, 20, 20½, 22, 24.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J. and Barnard and Brady, JJ.

Postponed Motions.

Nos.		Nos.	
21—	Marx vs. Rothman.	60—	Harrison vs. Peck.
32—	Cochran vs. Dinsmore.	64—	Cuff vs. Borland.
33—	Goddard vs. Mallory.	67—	Wolff vs. Strong.
38—	Hall vs. Hennessy.	68—	Webb vs. Skinner.
39—	Hasbrouck vs. Jones.	69—	Werthei vs. McKenzie.
42—	Benedict vs. Wolff.	70—	Wright vs. Rowland.
43—	Stewart vs. Drake.	74—	Buckingham vs. Ely.
45—	Gordon vs. Grierley.		
47—	Pike vs. Gwynne.	78—	Williams vs. Sargent.
54—	Windsor vs. Duncan.	79—	Woodruff vs. Valentine.
55—	Hiestand vs. Ogle.		
56—	The People, &c., vs. East New-York and Jamaica Railroad Co.	80—	Kirkham vs. Tuttle.
		81—	McKee vs. Burrell.
57—	Whitbrour vs. Bassford.	82—	Webb vs. Skinner.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Calendar called at 11 M.

Nos.		Nos.	
22—	Weston vs. Wilson.	122—	Erie Railway Co. vs. Howland.
23—	Burrell vs. Pendleton.	123—	Erie Railway Co. vs. Sawyer.
24—	Harris vs. Guthrie.	124—	Chapin vs. Pennsylvania Railway Co.
25—	Mooney vs. Grand Lodge of North America vs. Pentonger.		
31—	Mooney vs. British Commercial Life Insurance Co.	126—	Allen vs. Cook.
		127—	Allen vs. Lewis.
46—	Woodruff vs. Connolly.	168—	Short vs. Collins.
70—	Hunneding vs. Cohen.	169—	Jones vs. Wade.
71—	Wormser vs. Cohen.	171—	Colton vs. Simmons.
72—	Schneider vs. Cohen.	172—	Stanton vs. Wood.
73—	Co. vs. Woodworth.	173—	Smith vs. Small.
100—	Cheney vs. Dunham.	174—	Dugan vs. Hannan.
104—	Perry vs. Von Nordenflycht.	175—	White vs. Thomas.
		176—	Shaw vs. Martin.
110—	Hall vs. Van Winkle.	212—	O'Donnell vs. Martin.
115—	Rodgers vs. Gerow.	216—	Wood vs. Palmer.
121—	Mosely vs. Nichols.	220—	Mutual Coal Gas Co. vs. Rutherford.
		221—	Viele vs. Nichols.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Ballard, J.

1—The People vs. Matthew Bedell; obtaining goods by false pretences.

2—The People vs. Thomas Radcliff; grand larceny.

3—The People vs. George Newcombe; grand larceny.

4—The People vs. Charles Olsen; larceny from the person.

5—The People vs. Annie Miller and Dora Mayer; grand larceny.

6—The People vs. John O'Neil; grand larceny.

7—The People vs. James Vernon; larceny.

8—The People vs. Peter Trowbridge, Edward Trowbridge and James Hoyt; grand larceny.

9—The People vs. Thomas Murphy; assault and battery.

10—The People vs. George Hawkenhorst; assault and battery.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

By Chief Justice Barbour.

MOTIONS GRANTED.

Curtis vs. Orr; Junggerman vs. Taubel; De Movie vs. Poole; Genkins vs. Gunther; Brunan vs. Michel; Mann vs. Commager.

Barkley vs. Walters; motion granted on terms.

Hall vs. Hennessy; motion granted on terms.

Berry vs. Burrus; not common with Clerk of Special Term.

By Judge Jones.

Bonner vs. Dunbar; case filed.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Schenck vs. Stablecker; the witness must appear and be examined.

McKinney vs. McDonough; motion denied.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 6.

Before Judges Daly, Loew and Van Brunt.

CAUSES ARGUED AND DECIDED.

Williams vs. McKinnis; judgment affirmed by default.

Murphy vs. Chester; judgment affirmed by default.

Bleecker vs. Sutton; judgment reversed.

Rosefield vs. Gaskin; judgment reversed.

Ireland vs. Hitchcock; judgment affirmed.

Niles vs. Graves; judgment affirmed.

Meyers vs. Maire; judgment reversed.

Mulvey vs. Pennoyer; judgment reversed.

MOTIONS—Motion for judgment on verdict, Judge Daly has been elected Chief Justice by his associates on the Bench.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 6.

By Judge Barnard.

Matthew J. Fassitt vs. George A. De Lynes; motion granted.

In the matter of the petition of Levy et al. to vacate assessment for Eighth-avenue pavement; motion denied.

Margaret King vs. Louis King; receiver appointed.

Adolphe L. Hinsford vs. George N. Hinsford; report of referee confirmed; and judgment of divorce granted.

By Judge Ingraham.

Thomas B. Gunning vs. William G. Oliver; James Kane vs. William H. Andrews; cases settled.

M. A. Goodman vs. Joseph Manning, Jr.; motion granted.

By Judge Gardon.

Mary E. Gowan vs. John Gowan; default opened upon payment of costs, to be fixed in the judgment, defendant to answer within ten days; alimony to be paid to plaintiff at the rate of $20 per week from this date, pending the litigation, and a counsel fee of $100 to be paid.

Graham vs. Whitney, in the matter of the petition of Elizabeth C. Hay, and Dempsey vs. Watson; motion granted.

Jackson vs. The Narragansett Steamship Company; motion denied.

Wagner vs. Wagner; pleadings wanted.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Gilbert.

ORDER.

Warren Leland vs. Daniel C. Woodruff and the Mind by Danielle—Bond withdrawn at A. G. Reed and proof of service of notice. Order that plaintiff file report herein, and enter judgment within thirty days, giving notice thereof and permitting defendants to file copy of report and enter judgment in pursuance thereof.

Mary C. Andrews vs. Joseph W. Swift and two more cases.—Bond consent in each case. Orders substitute bond in each case A. T. Fuller instead of Bayne Brothers.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 6.

Before Judges Daly, Loew and Van Brunt.

JURY TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURTS.

Alexander Passoz vs. Charles S. Newell.—This action was brought by plaintiff in a civil Court to recover a debt. At the opening of case the defendant's counsel demanded a jury of twelve men, assuming it to be a legal jury. Subsequently, in a similar case appealed to the General Term of this Court, it was decided that the Court, at the request, a jury in a civil District Court. The Legislature subsequently gave a jury of twelve men by paying an additional fee. Counsel in this case was held before the passage of the act, and judgment rendered against the defendant. Defendant now claims that the verdict and judgment were illegal, the Court at that time not having the right to submit cases to a jury of twelve men.

The Court held that by submitting to a trial by a twelve man jury without objection the defendant waived the illegality. Judgment affirmed.

David McAdam for plaintiff; D. D. Ferry for defendant.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justices Dowling and Bixby.

PERSONATING POLICEMEN.

In this Court, yesterday, testimony was taken in the case of Dennis Shea and Thomas Murray, charged with personating Police detectives, for the purpose of extorting money from an abandoned woman named Adelle King. The latter claimed that she was accosted by the prisoners in Houston-street; that she was intercepted by the defendants while passing through Mulberry-street, at a late hour on Wednesday evening last; and that Shea brought her by the shoulder and ordered her to take her to Police Headquarters. Her evidence was subsequently corroborated by Jennie May. Officer Twiford, of the Fourteenth Precinct, testified that he attempted to arrest the defendants on the charge of personating officers, but they knocked him down. The case was subsequently adjourned for the purpose of procuring additional evidence.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Judge Bedford.

The proceedings in this Court yesterday included two cases of special interest. There were two others, one of which resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

A FRIENDLY SURPRISE BY A POLICE CAPTAIN.

A Frenchman (that named James W. Hays, alias Jacob Cornelius), aged 19 years, was arraigned on a charge of robbing A. Gold watch from the vest pocket of Captain John T. Allcock, of the Eleventh Precinct Police. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary and to pay a fine of $100.

STEALING A POLICEMAN'S OVERCOAT.

Catherine McKenna pleaded guilty of stealing a portmanteau containing a coat, valued at $40, belonging to Wm. H. Dike, of the Thirteenth Police Station. According to the evidence, the portmanteau was taken from the Station House. The accused was discharged, sentence being suspended during good behavior.

A PLACKARD OFFENDER.

Christian Sauter was convicted by force of stealing a watch worth $60, the property of Julius Barten, of Ninth-avenue, on the night of Nov. 27 last. The prisoner, on being arrested, had in his possession a placard, which was taken by Mr. Barten. He was sentenced to be taken from the Tombs and placed in the State Prison for two years.

SENTENCED FOR STABBING.

Patrick Kelly and Fred Lang, convicted on an indictment charging them with a desperate, felonious assault upon Lewis Brannan, have this complainant so badly cut that the surgeon declared a severe wound, if not fatal, was given with a knife. Lang, on after action which had taken place, was found guilty and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary and to pay a fine of $250.

CITY COURT—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Thompson.

ACTION TO RECOVER $12,000 FROM EX-COLLECTOR HENRY C. SOWER.

Andrew J. Philipps vs. Henry C. Sower.—The defendant in this suit some time ago held the position of Collector in the Third Internal Revenue District, and plaintiff was hired by him to transport distilled spirits that said oil. Plaintiff alleges that he was unprepared at a very low and unremunerative salary, and that it was necessary that he should be compensated for his services. The Internal Revenue Office in the Treasury of Distilled Spirits and Coal Oil, in said Treasury, he received fully perform the duties required of him. The Tax Collector in the office of Internal Revenue he would have been glad to keep; he therefore applied to the defendant for his commission, and continued to ask him for it from time to time. Plaintiff further alleges that defendant received the commission from the Secretary of the Treasury, yet or

shared the lot of Polly. He has answered the bill, denying that he ever had any such agreement with Polly, or that he ever had any money belonging to her. Further, which he has always supposed Polly was his wife, and that he was the husband of the defendant. Polly testified that she was married to the defendant in 1864

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The second public congregation of the Ecumenical Council was held yesterday, when each of the fathers delivered to the Pope his "profession of faith," after the formula of Pius IV.... The bullion in the Bank of England fell off $120,000 during the week, and that in the Bank of France $1,600,000....The *Pall Mall Gazette* received over eleven hundred words of Mrs. STOWE'S "vindication," by cable, which were published on Tuesday evening in that journal....A Marseilles dispatch says Mr. LORILLARD has blown up the wreck of his yacht *Meteor* on the coast of Tunis....The Parliamentary election in Longford, Ireland, was marked by at least one conflict between the Fenian friends of MARTIN and the adherents of the opposing candidate. The troops were called out and the Fenians were fired on. Several were wounded but none killed.....The successor of Baron HAUSSMANN as Prefect of the Seine, in Paris, is M. HENRI CHEVREAU. The removal of HAUSSMANN is regarded as an indication of the strength of the new Ministry, as the Emperor had made a special effort to retain him....Permission to sell the *Rappel* in the streets has been granted.... The Ministerial crisis in Spain continues.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday several bills were introduced relating to the Courts of this City, and then, pursuant to the concurrent resolution, that body adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.

In the Assembly the report of the Banking Department was received. Bills were introduced to repeal the Utica Police act, and to regulate freight charges on railroads. The House at an early hour adjourned to Tuesday next.

GENERAL.

A Havana dispatch contains reports of movements among the insurgents to burn the cane fields. One body was moving towards Cauto Abajo, and several others numbering from 300 to 400 each, were moving to the Cinco Villas District. The reported surrender of 1,000 insurgents has not been authentically confirmed. The woods near Puerto Principe have been cut away to deprive attacking parties of insurgents of their cover. MANUEL ALMAGUER, an insurgent leader, is reported killed. A Washington dispatch says the Spanish Minister has notified the State Department of the presence of the steamer *Anwie*, a Cuban privateer, with some of the crew of the *Hornet* on board, in Charleston harbor. The suspected steamer will be examined by the United States Marshal.

The bodies of LEONARD CROCKER and his hired man, HENRY WEBB, were found yesterday on Mr. CROCKER'S premises near Buffalo, where they had been washed by the waves that swept over the turnpike over which Mr. CROCKER drove on returning from church in Buffalo on Sunday night.

The Maryland Legislature has completed the organization of both branches, and the Governor's Message was sent in yesterday afternoon.

Dr. C. S. MANCHESTER, who recently in St. Louis, Mo., attempted to perform a miracle upon a dead body, was arrested there yesterday, with his wife, accused of kidnapping a little girl from Weston, Mass.

The clerks in the Congressional Printer's office in Washington have applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the increased compensation of twenty per cent. of their salaries, which they conceive to be due them under the act of Congress giving officers of the Senate that increase. The matter is referred to the First Comptroller.

The call for the sixth annual session of the State Workingmen's Assembly has been issued, the meetings to be held at Immanuel Hall, Albany. The Conspiracy law, the State Prison contract system, and the Eight-hour law will be the prominent subjects of discussion.

The Hudson, at Catskill, is filled with ice.

A meeting of the Canadian Privy Council was held at Ottawa yesterday, when the Red River trouble was under discussion. It is understood to be decided to await the result of the mission, Rev. VICAR THIBOAULT and Colonel DE SALABERRY. The claims of the insurgents will be considered in whatever settlement is made, but if no understanding is reached, active measures may be resorted to in the Spring, in conjunction with the British Government and Hudson Bay Company.

Governor MCCLURG, of Missouri, sent his Message to the Legislature yesterday. The State debt is now estimated to $[illegible].

A court martial is to assemble at Annapolis on the 11th inst., composed of Captain NAPOLEON B. HARRISON, president; Lieutenant-Commander SELAH CABBY, Geo. W. HAYWARD, H. F. PICKERY, and Lieutenant THOMAS F. HELSON, members, and JOHN W. BEST, Judge-Advocate, for the trial of thirty or forty cases of violation of the rules of the Naval Academy, on the part of midshipmen of the first and second classes.

LOCAL.

The Postal Committee of the House of Representatives say that they are satisfied that the recent investigation by the Committee as to the manner of the contracts making for the material for the New-York and Boston Post Office buildings was entirely unnecessary, and ought never to have been made, and was undoubtedly instigated by disappointed contractors and lobbyists. The amount agreed upon by the Committee on Appropriations for continuing the work upon the New-York Post Office building is $1,000,000.

The newly-elected Republican General Committee met, last evening, at headquarters, Twenty-second-street and Broadway, but failed to organize. There is a split in the party, which will be healed, if possible, on Wednesday evening next.

In reply to an application of dealers in leaf tobacco to be allowed to purchase the waste and sweepings of cigar manufactories, in bulk, without taxation, Commissioner DELANO refuses, and insists on the payment of the tax of sixteen cents per pound before such tobacco can be again put on the market.

The National Workingwomen's Association adopted resolutions in memory of the late Mrs. Dr. LOZIER, last evening.

A case of interest, in which ELIZABETH R. HOWES is plaintiff, and HANNAH B. DUNHAM and others are defendants, was before the Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, and the argument will be continued to-day. The plaintiff charges that by means of false representations and other fraudulent acts, she has been deprived of a large portion of her estate, and she claims judgment for at least a quarter of a million of dollars.

Mr. SAMUEL D. BRUCE gave bail yesterday before Justice DOWLING, to answer a charge of libeling Mr. GEO. WILKES in the *Turf, Field & Farm*.

In the Court of General Sessions, before Judge BEDFORD, yesterday, a pickpocket named JAS. W. HAYE *alias* Jas. Campbell was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year and to pay a fine of $100, for stealing a watch from Police Captain DICKSON. CHRISTIAN SCHWARTZ was sentenced to State Prison for two years, for fraudulently pawning a watch belonging to one JULIUS BARTUS; and JAMES KELLY was sentenced to State Prison for the same term for making an assault on LEWIS BRAWDER, a saloon keeper, with a knife.

The Brooklyn Election Frauds—A New Subterfuge.

The Brooklyn Ring begin to develop the tactics by which they propose to defeat the effort of District-Attorney MORRIS to bring on the trial of the persons indicted for complicity in the recent election frauds. Twice the District-Attorney has been ready for trial, and twice the counsel for the defense have requested delay—the last time promising distinctly in open Court that they would proceed before Judge TROY, in the Court of Sessions, on the 6th inst. But on the 5th inst. they went before Judge PRATT, without notice to the District-Attorney, and procured *ex parte* orders removing the cases from the Court of Sessions to the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

The object of this movement will not be misunderstood by the public. It demonstrates that the Ring are afraid to meet the District-Attorney in open Court. They fear a judicial investigation conducted where every fact must be established by witnesses compelled to testify under oath, and in the presence of the people. And they especially fear its effect at this time upon legislation at Albany. They will labor to prevent any exposure at any time; but if exposure must come, they prefer that it should come in March or April rather than in January.

This removal of the causes from the Court of Sessions is little less than a confession of guilt. The crime for which the defendants are indicted is a misdemeanor, an offence seldom or never tried in the Oyer and Terminer. Indictments for offences of this grade, when found by Grand Juries in the Oyer and Terminer, are always transmitted to the Sessions for trial. Why is the practice reversed in this instance? The question admits of but a single answer. The Ring desire delay and to prevent exposure. The time and manner of the removal leave no doubt on this question. Had the defendants desired an early trial in the Oyer and Terminer, they had ample time to have removed the cases so as to have made them all returnable at the present term, which commenced on Monday last; but instead of this, they waited until the day before the trials were to proceed in the Sessions, and then they procure an *ex parte* order from Judge PRATT, removing the cases and making them all returnable at the March term.

We must confess our surprise at the action of Judge PRATT in the matter. This removal was not a matter of right; at most it was a question addressed to the sound discretion of the Court—a discretion which, we will venture to say, has never before been exercised to remove a mere misdemeanor from the Court of Sessions to the Oyer and Terminer, except in cases where the Judge was disqualified from sitting. The only reason assigned for the removal is that difficult questions of law are likely to arise in the case. But this, if true, is no reason at all. Difficult questions of law are likely to arise in every case that comes up for trial. Every lawyer knows that the most difficult questions of law often arise in cases of the least importance. Besides, Judge TROY is a good lawyer, more conversant, perhaps, with criminal law than any Judge who will preside in the Oyer and Terminer of Kings County on the trial of these cases, provided the Ring can have their selection of a Judge. Every one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, including Judge PRATT, has recently petitioned the Legislature to give to Judge TROY'S Court jurisdiction in capital cases. He is, therefore, in the opinion of Judge PRATT, competent to determine the most difficult questions of law which may arise in any criminal case, except in trials for frauds upon the ballot box.

District-Attorney MORRIS should not permit himself to be baffled in this way. It is entirely competent for him to move that these cases be sent back to the Sessions. Let him make such a motion and argue it in open Court, and let us see by what sort of reasoning this extraordinary action can be justified. Let him strip off the mask and expose the object and purpose of this delay. Let him give to the people the full history of these frauds, and tell us who among the Democratic leaders were engaged in them. The people want light on this question, and if the Brooklyn Courts are determined to suppress investigation and shield the perpetrators of this stupendous crime against the freedom of elections, the sooner we know it the better.

Resumption Means Funding.

"Is there anything difficult to understand in this?" shrieks the *Tribune*:

"We know just one way to induce the holder of a six per cent. Bond to exchange it for one bearing a lower rate of interest, and that is, by finding some one else who will take the new Bond and pay cash for it if he does not."

That is what we have always said, and what the *Tribune* has scolded us for saying. There can be no funding this side of resumption save by the operation of some Government screw. Senator SHERMAN once advocated a rough kind of compulsion, "Surrender your bond, or accept depreciated currency in payment," was his maxim. The compulsory process recommended by the *Tribune* is the process suggested by the TIMES. It was heterodox then in our neighbor's eyes; of course it is quite orthodox now.

But the alternative,—coin or a bond bearing a lower rate of interest,—cannot be presented until specie payments shall have been restored. There is but one method by which resumption can be hastened. A rapid contraction of the currency is the only available means. That, however, would inflict immediate and wholesale ruin upon the business of the country, and is therefore inadmissible. In the absence of contraction, time—years, at least—must elapse before we can safely get back to hard cash.

Funding the debt at a lower rate of interest is, then, an operation for the future. It is impracticable now. With our six per cents below par, it were folly to think seriously of floating a four per cent. security at that rate. A certain amount may be forced upon the National Banks as the basis of their circulation; but there is no chance for it in the open market of the world except at a considerable discount. They who dream otherwise would find themselves egregiously mistaken, if the experiment were tried. It is one that the country cannot afford to make.

The interim before resumption takes place being indefinite, and the possibility of funding being contingent upon that event, is it just, reasonable or expedient to continue the present rate of taxation with a view to its occurrence? Are trade and industry to be taxed to the very verge of exhaustion to prepare for a funding that is impracticable, or a return to specie payments which is necessarily deferred? Funding and resumption will be both good when we get them. But the people protest against a continuance of oppressive fiscal burdens for the promotion of objects which are meanwhile unattainable. Let us have the good that may be realized by a large reduction of taxes, and wait patiently for the rest.

New-York Streets.

There is not an unprejudiced man or woman in New-York who is not ready to declare that the streets of the City are in a disgraceful condition the whole year round. A change of season only brings with it a change of the nuisances with which we are afflicted. If it is not snow, it is mud. When there is no mud, we are choked with dust. There is no such thing known to us as clean streets. We admit at once that nobody could ever keep Fifth-avenue clean. The most shameful fraud ever perpetrated, even in this City of frauds, has been connived at by the City authorities; and, as a consequence, a noble thoroughfare has been ruined. Every one who lives in or adjoining it has suffered severe losses by the clouds of dust which roll up from the street night and day, or by the "patent" mud which it produces in wet weather. Fifth-avenue is the most melancholy spectacle in all America just this moment. But contractors enjoy it, and civic authorities carry on loathsome orgies at masked balls on a part of the profits.

There is some excuse, then, for the dismal plight of Fifth-avenue—once the king of streets, now the dusthole of the City. But the hand of the spoiler has not been laid upon every public thoroughfare, and yet can anybody point out a single clean one in the whole City? The contractor now comes before the public to make his annual bow. He takes the opportunity to give his own opinion of his work. "It is undeniable," we are told, "that the streets in some sections are not as clean as is desirable." Well, then, so much being admitted, to whom are we to look for amendment? The contractor offers some truly wonderful comments on the subject. He discusses street cleaning "in the abstract," and gives us to understand that we have all been in error in our ideas upon this complex subject. We think that when there is an accumulation of dirt in the streets it ought to be removed. That shows how little we know about the matter. The contractor explains that the question of dirt or no dirt has to be considered in reference to individual training and habits, and with a due regard to esthetics. Who would have supposed it? But the thing is evident enough when we come to listen to the contractor. "The tastes and habits of some portions of our population," he remarks, "are educated to a higher grade than are those of other portions, and the same standard of cleanliness which would be satisfactory to the inhabitants in some wards, would not be tolerated by the inhabitants of other and more respectable portions of the City." Ergo—Don't clean the streets at all, and then no one can complain of favoritism. If a man has to touch off nice discriminations of taste with a large dirt broom, he must either fail in the attempt, or run away from the job altogether.

The "Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department"—it is a great comfort to know that there is a department, and a functionary at the head of it—thinks the proper way to cultivate "new-fangled ideas of politeness" in preference to the plain system of his predecessor, which alone may be properly called provident. We have more than once expressed the same idea. Life insurance has but one legitimate purpose—the making provision for others against the contingency of death; the creation of a fund from which those dependent upon a man may be assured against contingencies incident to his life. There are variations which business exigencies may render expedient. But as a rule insurance loses its highest characteristic when it aspires to be more than the ordinary provident agency which commends it to the approval of prudent persons. The Company which ignores this feature and substitutes for it the pretence that life insurance is admirable as an "investment," not only surrenders the strong ground of the insurance system, but puts forward a pretension that will not endure intelligent investigation.

Party Cant.

There is such a thing as true and conscientious allegiance to party, and there is also a spurious device for using "party" as a sort of bludgeon to knock down friends and foes with, on the least provocation. In the latter kind of tactics the *Tribune* is, and always has been, unrivalled—indeed, no one has ever contested the field with it. Its invariable plan, when it is getting the worst of an argument, is to turn round and call out "traitor." It brings a crowd together to hear a discussion, and the moment it does not like the turn of affairs it stigmatizes its opponent as false to his party, or as "un-American"—its two favorite and well-worn labels. This course is not particularly fair, courageous, or manly—but the *Tribune* never departs from it. It followed it in reference to Senator FESSENDEN, and how many others!—and then it whimpers over their graves, and protests that it never meant any harm.

We have recommended steadily a reduction of taxation. The *Tribune* advises the opposite policy of applying all our means to the liquidation of debt. That is a fair difference of opinion. We should never dream of quarreling with our contemporary for presuming to take another view than ours. But the *Tribune* would not be the *Tribune* if it did not fight unfairly. Therefore it insinuates that we are untrue to the Republican Party in daring to go against a policy which is advocated in the President's Message. Another black mark is set against us because "Democratic journals clamor for the remission of taxes." Now let us judge the *Tribune* by its own rules.

The President opposes the recognition of Cuba in his Message. Yet the *Tribune* does all within its power to foster the "clamor" for recognition. Is that a sign of infidelity to the Republican Party?

The President further objects to the abolition of the income tax. Yet the *Tribune* "clamors" for its abolition without delay, and thereby seeks to embarrass and impede the Government. Worse than all, the Democratic papers demand the abolition of the income tax also. Is not that fatal evidence? Ought we not, upon its own principles, to denounce the *Tribune* as a traitor? What right has it to oppose any feature of the Government policy if it considers independence of thought a mark of treason in others? Suppose we were to go back for examples of the *Tribune's* "disloyalty" to its party? A whole page would scarcely contain them. Besides—the demand for the abolition of the income tax is substantially a demand for the remission of taxation to the extent of fifty millions or more. Here the *Tribune* is convicted of the very "disloyalty" which it charges against us. It fastens its own offence upon others—its usual manœuvre.

The *Tribune* cannot reason—but it can call names, malign motives, and misrepresent arguments. "Sir!" (we might be tempted to exclaim,) "Men and Brethren!" is this the way to promote the great ends of truth, justice, and political morality?

Life Insurance Agents and "Profits" as Tests of Prosperity.

The value of statements relating to assets as a test of life insurance solvency is undoubtedly, as a correspondent alleges, subject to very important qualifications. The bare statement of amount insured and amount accumulated of itself proves nothing. The percentage of accumulations, compared with outstanding risks, has a certain general value as a sign of the strength of the reserve, the growth of which from year to year indicates in a vague way one important characteristic of good management. The precise extent to which this fact is serviceable depends, however, upon particulars with which the public have little acquaintance. Thus the sufficiency of the reserve is not proved by the mere mention of its amount. Whether it equal the amount called for to render a company absolutely safe depends upon calculations which only an actuary can undertake. And the percentage required for one class of insurances differs greatly from that required for another class. The ordinary life policy, with premiums extending over life, needs a much smaller reserve, at the end, say, of five years, than an endowment policy, payable at a given age, or a ten-payment policy, whose premiums are limited to that number of years. The writer of the letter we print this morning insists justly enough, therefore, that before a company's financial exhibit can be accepted as satisfactory, it must show the exact percentage of accumulations at the credit of each class of business. Even then, however, the information would be of minor worth unless the sufficiency of the reserve be in each case attested by some competent authority. The best authority to be accepted as a conclusive witness must be independent of the Company,—a fact which points to the State Superintendent as the proper party to be heard upon the subject.

The exercise of State supervision rests for its justification upon the thoroughness as well as the soundness of its work. The Superintendent is the guardian of the public as against the companies, and his duty is not simply to receive and collate their returns, but to subject them to a scrutiny which shall enable him to pronounce authoritatively upon their trustworthiness. He should be able to say, and he should say, whether the reserve pertaining to each branch of business is equal to the requirements of that branch. And to do this satisfactorily, he should attest in detail the adequacy of the accumulation, or expose its insufficiency. When this information shall be furnished, and not until then, the public will have the means of judging with some confidence of the relative standing of companies which invite their support. In the meantime they are not seldom the victims of a delusion rendered possible by a confused display of figures.

The "profit" delusion needs no such elaborate examination to expose its character. It is made possible only by the willingness of persons to accept an advantage to which they are not fairly entitled. The Manager of one of our largest companies not long ago expressed the belief that the majority of those who are insured would rather pay a heavy premium, with "profits" in prospect, than a lower premium with a chance of less "profits." Certainly insurance managers and agents generally appear to act upon this hypothesis. "Profits" are the beginning and end of their appeals. Of the strength of their reserve fund, or the lightness of their expenses, they say nothing; what they emphasize is, the rate of dividend declared in the past, and the rate of dividend they intend to pay in the future. There is a short answer to all this. For the ability of a company to declare large "profits" is contingent upon the payment of an excess of premium by the insured. There are, of course, exceptional and more genuine sources of gain. The enormous number of lapsed policies during the war was one great cause of profit; coin interest on investments in Government bonds has been another. These, however, are adventitious and temporary. And if, hereafter, large dividends are declared, it will be, as we have said, because the insured pay more for insurance than it is worth. The premiums are too high. Bring these down to the proper rate, and the era of big dividends and "profits," together with kindred delusions,—and extravagant commissions into the bargain,—will come to an end.

Our correspondent demonstrates the tendency of insurance to become a gigantic gambling concern, and asks what good would that do? City contracts now are like the homely pie crusts of the proverb, made only to be broken. But, says the Superintendent, the profits of this business are very small. Of course. Did anybody ever know a man with a fat contract on his hands who did not say the same thing? The tale is as old as the hills. But it is a rather awkward fact that the present contractor gave $300,000 last May for the transfer of the agreement to himself. There was so much profit in it that one man walked off with $300,000 for simply passing the contract on to another man, who has since then been feathering his own nest. If you want to ascertain what work has been done for the money—*circumspice!* The very stones in the streets cry out against the contractor. "The great mass of the people," complains the report, "are impressed with the belief that the contractor is little better than a swindler." We are sorry to see the matter put thus by the contractor's advocate, for we object to the use of strong language, and "swindler" is a very harsh epithet. But there is no smoke without fire. The contractor must walk about sometimes, and if he is not blinded with dust himself we can only say that he has thrown a great deal into the eyes of others. Of course he is not solely responsible. The City authorities might help the public if they liked. But the time of most of them is completely occupied in barrooms, or in cultivating the society of social outcasts at "French" balls, or in organizing those nice little political arrangements which enable them to control the affairs of the City. We must submit to our wrongs, but it is a little too much to expect us to sing praises to the wrongdoers.

Is There to be No Down-Town Hospital?

It must be presumed that the Governors of the New-York Hospital do not appreciate the very strong feeling which exists upon the maintenance of a hospital in the lower part of the City. Otherwise it is difficult to account for their intention to sell or lease the remainder of the old site, and do away with the hospital wing still in use. Of the necessities of the case, however, they are aware. They know perfectly well that the crowded down-town districts are by far the most fruitful of accidents, and that it is not only cruel but dangerous to subject patients to a long journey before they can receive proper treatment.

When first the question of removal was discussed, this urgent need was pressed upon them. It was fully represented to them that the factories, the warehouses, the streets and the shipping of the lower half of the City were continually sending the victims of distressing casualty to the hospital on Broadway in far greater proportion than any other localities. The public understood that a partial compliance was had with its requirements in this respect, and that some portion of the old building would be retained for use until, at all events, some other provision could be made to supply its place. It seems almost incredible that a reverse course is contemplated, and that—unless current opinion is misinformed—in a very short time the last vestige of the only hospital accessible to the most crowded part of the City will have disappeared.

There is no pecuniary difficulty which the Governors can point out as influencing this strange decision. They have at their disposal from recent leases or sales an annual income of $140,000, to say nothing of the previous available revenue. The institution has at various times also received important State aid, and may some day endeavor to obtain more. Now can they say that the evidence of the wrong they are about to do is not forthcoming. The part of the hospital building still left is full to overflowing; at this moment there are two hundred and fifty suffering human beings within its walls,—and so it is perpetually. It is not to be remembered without a shudder that a considerable percentage of these unfortunates would have been killed, to use no stronger term, by being carried to Bellevue.

Of course the universal question is, why should lower New-York be entirely deprived of a hospital for the treatment of casualties and sudden illness? There is no reasonable answer. Certainly the Governors of the New-York Hospital can give none. They are the gentlemen to whom the public are looking for some action, which it thinks nothing less than their strict duty. To them is confided the administration of a great charity, founded to carry out that mercy which the Good Samaritan showed. The hospital was intended to benefit the people, and its place properly is where that benefit can be best conferred. To pervert this object, and, for the sake of a profitable transaction in real estate, destroy more than half of the usefulness of the institution, seems to imply what many will consider a sort of moral obliquity. Let the Governors pause before they complete the execution of their purpose. There must be a hospital down town, as they themselves well know. The great City ought to possess a dozen of the kind; it will be a reproach to the managers if the only one we have is taken away.

Some day, one would suppose, there will be one, if not more, new institutions of the kind. If such should be attempted, the aid of the State will necessarily be invoked. And the claim then urged will be fair and reasonable. When that time has arrived, it will be soon enough for the last of the New-York Hospital to be removed. Meanwhile let it not be said that a body of gentlemen intrusted with the fulfillment of a merciful and humane purpose remain deaf to the unanimous opinion which their present intention is calling forth.

The "Self-Government!" in Store for New-York.

The *Post* was, in our opinion, correct as to the indications of the Tammany "beginning" at Albany. There is every reason to believe that the power of the Tammany Ring will roll over and crush all that has been most honest, efficient and enlightened in our Municipal government. Under the pretence of restoring municipal rights, all authority not wielded by that organization is to be seized, and the elements that make and control the Common Council and the Street Department will grasp the powers of the Board of Health, the Board of Excise, the Police and the Fire Department. The roughs, the rabble, the repeaters, the grog-shop keepers,—in short the lowest strata generally demand it, and the leaders, however they may dread the indignation of the future, are powerless to resist. They have promised the spoils as the reward of victory, and these will not and probably cannot be refused. Men who desire to see the City well governed, and will feel sad to see many of the best men in office in this City go out, may as well prepare for the worst. Nothing is more clear than that the Democratic victory is essentially a retrograde movement, and an actual triumph of the disorganizing elements in our midst. Those who rejoice most are the worst classes of our people, and they alone are gainers—except as those leaders gain with them.

The increased authority of the Mayor and the simplicity of government we are to obtain, are only an augmentation of the terrible power of the majorities secured by repeating, fraud and similar agencies. We may now look for the unresisted, universal and absolute sway of those elements which have howled and struggled against the Commissions that stood in the way of jobs and corruptions.

Is it not plain that TWEED, and GOULD, and Tammany will soon be everywhere in the City as all important as they are in Judge BARNARD'S Court, and in the meetings of the Common Council? When the theory of the *Post* shall be put in practice, as it will be before the roses blossom again, with a Tammany Mayor as the head of the municipal government, and a Tammany Common Council as the only counterpoise, and a Tammany court as the only sanctuary of justice, and a huge Tammany majority as the only responsible constituency, and all the City expenditures at the disposition of Tammany officers, we shall see the first fruits of restored Democratic ascendancy at Albany. The Republicans who have echoed the clamor against the Commissions will then begin to understand the kind of "self-government" they have helped to inaugurate.

The TIMES has no reason to be ashamed of the company in which it stands in the advocacy of reduced taxation. Here are some of the many Republican journals whose expressions of opinion in favor of that measure of relief have already been laid before our readers:

Boston Advertiser,	*Chicago Tribune,*
Chicago Republican,	*Springfield (Mass.) Republican,*
Indianapolis Journal,	*The Alta California,*
Erie (Penn.) Dispatch,	*Columbus (O.) State Journal,*
Lawrence (Kan.) Journal,	*Grand Rapids (Mich.) Eagle,*
Leavenworth (Kan.) Times,	*Wheeling (Va.) Intelligencer,*
Albany Evening Journal,	*Lansing (Mich.) Republican.*

We have in type a strong article on the same subject from the St. Louis *Democrat*—the leading Republican Press of Missouri. Nor should we forget that our Republican neighbors, the *Evening Post* and the *Commercial Advertiser*, of this City, "dare" to sustain a cause which the monopolists' organ denounces as at variance with Mr. BOUTWELL'S policy.

We do not know what State holds the "belt" in the divorce business, but as there is a "championship" for every other human pursuit or pastime, from cruise-opening to base-ball, we take it for granted there is one in this. Indiana is, in popular belief, accounted the peculiar Paradise—or, rather, the Mecca—of "incompatible" married people; but surely Illinois will give Indiana a hard race for the "honors." In the single county including Chicago, no less than 718 divorce suits were brought during the year 1869, and such was the speed of "justice," which, when divorces are at stake, loses its title of slow-footed, that no less than 416 decrees (or two out of every three cases) were secured. Taking this basis and reckoning up what the divorces through the country probably number, let us consider whether the time has not come for a national divorce law, which shall end this long sacrilege of divorce suits, and put a stop to the disgraceful conflict of State laws and diverse jurisdictions, and make the status and bastardy of multitudes and obliquities in the eye of the law something more fixed than the shifting affairs they are now.

The report on the Police force comes out by a rather unlucky coincidence, at the very time when the climax of insecurity seems to be reached. We hear of more than the average of crime all over the country. But in New-York we seem to be approaching the condition of a border State twenty years ago. Highway robberies of the most barefaced description are perpetrated every night. Of course the thieves get off. An honest man must not carry a loaded cane in self-defence, but a thief may go with as many pistols in his waistband as an Italian bandit, or carry a park of artillery with him if he is so minded. The plain truth is that there are not Policemen enough, and the horrible way in which the streets are lighted makes it all the more difficult for a handful of Constables to keep down the ruffians. No gas and no Policeman—such is the condition of street after street, even in the best parts of the town. The only comfort is that occasionally one ruffian shoots another, and so the scum is cleared off.

Let people beware of dealing with apothecaries, especially where boys are kept to serve out medicines. Scarcely a week passes without some one or other being killed by the "accidental" administration of poison for medicine. The latest victim is Mr. ALFRED BUCK, a lawyer of this City. He went into a druggist's store "in Broadway near the City Hall"—a description which falls rather severely on the innocent—and asked to have a prescription made up. The "chemist" behind the counter looked at the directions, and handed the lawyer a dose which very nearly "dispatched him straight." In some stores persons are employed who know no more about drugs than monkeys. In fact, it is rather rare to meet with an apothecary who can be thoroughly trusted at all times to make up prescriptions, and for that reason people ought to inquire of their medical attendant as to the best place to get medicines. Why not bring the professional poisoners to a sharp account for the mischief they occasion?

The very sound of the word "milkmaid" revives all sorts of pastoral associations. The fate of the said milkmaid over in Brooklyn suggests a different train of reflections. Mr. HILDRETH has been among the innocent creatures once more, and brings back an account which is enough to turn sour the milk of human kindness itself. There is no mistake which the beaming one "milkmaid," generally an Irishman, is not guilty of. Filthy stuff is obtained from diseased animals, and sold to families for the use of infants. There is fraud and poison, apparently, in everything we eat or drink; but the Board of Health might purify the milk for us. A little chalk and water we cannot object to. But the obscenities of the present style of business pass all endurance. A Brooklyn milkman ought to be ashamed to look a cow in the face—and, indeed, what with "doctoring" election returns and poisoning children, Brooklyn is getting a name which will soon render people of unstained reputation ashamed to live there.

It seems that the Post Office Department's contract with the Bremen and Great Western lines, for carrying the European mails, is for two years' service. Wednesday and Saturday are to be the days of departure. The business community will be little gratified by the change. In these days of effort to increase postal facilities both as to speed and frequency of dispatch, the cutting off of facilities would appear rather an omalous. No pains should be spared by the contending parties to end a difficulty by which important interests are made to suffer. Or, is there any ill feeling which renders this impossible?

If there is one paragraph in the State Prison report more interesting than another, it is that which alludes to the ability, or probability, of the Prison becoming a self-supporting one, chiefly by means of the valuable quarries at Sing Sing. The old idea that people in prisons should take their punishment in a sedentary manner, has latterly gone out of fashion a good deal, and it is only reasonable that society should not be at the expense of maintaining them in idleness. That jails should pay their own expenses would be a good thing; but it would be better still if the industry of their inmates should have a restraining effect upon them and lead them to think of doing better for the future. Our prison systems are, as yet, too neglectful of those payments for work and other encouragements which would unite reform with punishment, and lead most of our young criminals to think of the fields of industry to be found in the open places of the West. It would probably be much better to transport them to such places, under conditions, than leave them among the jails and City purlieus of the seaboard.

THE REPUBLICAN GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Meeting Last Evening at Headquarters—Futile Efforts at Organization—A Split and an Adjournment.

The attempt to organize the new Republican General Committee last evening was a failure. Long before the hour appointed for opening the meeting an excited crowd was present, anxious to get into the Committee room, but failed in so doing until 7:30 o'clock. When the doors were opened there was a rush made to enter, but the stout arms of the Police who were stationed in the doorway barred the entrance against any one who could not be verified as a delegate. A Committee inside the doorway held lists of all who were delegates, and no one whose name was not thereon recorded found an "open sesame." The Police were present in strong force, guarding the stairway leading to the room, stationed on the sidewalk in Broadway, and in the meeting room. It may be mentioned here, by the by, that one of these, whose number, unfortunately, was not taken, exercised his brief authority on members of the Press seeking admittance, in a ruffianly manner, threatening them with such pleasant sport as being "kicked down stairs," "chucked over the banister," "mashed in the eye," and sink like gentlemanly and courteous attentions, because they desired to get into the meeting room. Inside the utmost confusion prevailed. WILLIAM H. DECAMP, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization, called the meeting to order, which call resulted in the utmost disorder. A motion was then made to elect General JOHN COCHRANE as temporary Chairman, which gave rise to great confusion, and faction endeavoring to get the General upon and the other to keep him off the platform, by personal exertions, in the rough and tumble of which that gentleman's clothes, if not his feelings, were considerably ruffled. The motion to put General COCHRANE in the chair was not voted on; but a motion to do the same by Mr. ELI O. MILLER was put to vote and declared to be carried, though the confusion was so great that no presiding officer could possibly decide anything with regard to the will of the assemblage. Mr. MILLER was then installed as Chairman, when the malcontents immediately organized another Committee, meeting at the opposite end of the room, with General COCHRANE as Chairman, and two organizations were thereupon in full blast. Attempts were made to bring about a fusion of the parties, Mr. C. S. BRUSH leading on one side, and Mr. JAMES W. ANDREWS on the other; but all efforts in that direction were futile.

After spending two hours in useless attempts to organize, both factions adjourned simultaneously, to meet again on Wednesday evening next.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP JAVA.

The Cunard steamship *Java*, which left Liverpool Dec. 26 and Queenstown Dec. 27, arrived at this port yesterday. Her news is later by two days than that at hand by the *City of Baltimore*, Tuesday.

M. BERNARD DERONDE is about to publish a volume on the Mexican expedition, from notes furnished by Marshal BAZAINE.

The infant daughter of the Prince and Princess of WALES was christened Dec. 24, at Marlborough House. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of London, and the infant Princess received the names of MAUD CHARLOTTE MARY VICTORIA.

"Queen ISABELLA," says the *Liberté*, "has engaged at Rome apartments in the Hotel Cenci for herself and family during part of the Winter. However, the date of her Majesty's departure has not yet been fixed upon."

Several hundred Jewish families will, next Spring, be sent to America by the Central Committee of the Alliance Israélite at Konigsberg. The sub-committees on the Russo-Prussian frontier will soon be in working order too.

The population of Holland, according to statistics just published, amounted on the 1st January, 1869, to 3,828,466, (1,801,415 male and 1,827,051 female,) or an increase of 36,450 inhabitants on the same date in 1868.

"An arrangement," says the *North German Correspondent*, "has been made between the North German Confederation and England, according to which the effects of a German sailor dying in a British ship, including the balance of his pay, should the entire value not exceed £30, will be delivered to the North German Consul in London, while the property of British sailors dying on North German vessels will be placed in the hands of the English Consul of the district in which the crew is discharged."

A numerous deputation from Zuppa arrived in Catania Dec. 28, and waited on General ABBATEMARCO, to tender him a petition to the Emperor, throwing themselves upon His Majesty's clemency. The deputation declared their willingness to submit to the Landwehr law, and any other orders emanating from the Government, and they announced that the inhabitants of Zuppa had all returned to their homes. Manza, it was expected, would follow Zuppa's example in a few days.

A characteristic sign of the times is reported from Rome. The German Kluetteverein met recently for the purpose of amending its ancient statutes. One paragraph setting forth, "That this union, in all those exceptional cases in which it requires a special protection, shall place itself under that of the King of Prussia and the Emperor of Austria as the two most powerful rulers of Germany," seemed to many of the members to require alteration; and the alteration was instantly made, with only one dissentient, (himself an Austrian,) by striking out the name of the Emperor of Austria, so that that of the Prussian monarch was allowed to stand.

The *Nord* says that the declarations of Signor LANZA in the Italian Chamber as to the imperative necessity of fresh retrenchment, which is only to be obtained in the budget of the army and navy, have given rise to the rumor of a considerable reduction of the military forces. It is even said that the King has consented to the disbandment of an entire class, that is to say, of about 40,000 men, which would reduce the expenditure by about fifteen millions of francs. The *Turin Gazette* moreover states that the reduction of a squadron per regiment of cavalry, and the suppression of a regiment of artillery are in contemplation.

From information supplied by the *Journal Officiel* it would appear that no doubt now exists of the loss of the French dispatch boat *Gergone*, with all hands (121 in number) on the rocks south of Ushant. On the first rumor of the catastrophe two steamers were sent from Brest to ascertain if any of the crew had reached the small islands near the scene of the disaster. These vessels have explored the whole of the coast, but have found nothing but pieces of wreck broken into fragments by the fury of the sea. The inhabitants of Ushant and the other islands were questioned, but they had seen nothing, and were even unaware of the wreck which had taken place so near them. "The loss is then complete," says the *Journal Officiel*, "and all hope must be abandoned of finding a single survivor."

A letter from Madrid says: "It is rumored that a reconciliation has taken place between the Duke DE MONTPENSIER and Queen ISABELLA. The Queen, understanding that the son of the Duchess was unwell, telegraphed to her sister expressing her anxiety. The Duchess, touched by this mark of interest, replied, thanking the Queen warmly for her solicitude. The result of this exchange of telegrams was the present understanding between the two families. In the presence of the objections made by the young Duke of GENOA's family to his accepting the throne, persons high in office at Madrid have been compelled to yield to circumstances, and, after a certain time, the Government of the Regent will consider the candidature of the Duke as abandoned."

The *Memorial Diplomatique* relates the following concerning the interview between the Emperor and the Pope, which is described as a satisfying trait of piety on the part of the Emperor: "When the Holy Father went to the Farnese Palace to pay a visit to the august traveler, Her Majesty not only insisted on reconducting His Holiness to his carriage, but when they reached the outer door of the Palace she dropped on her knees to be sure of the apostolic benediction. Pius IX., seeing the youthful Sovereign at his feet, hurriedly stretched out his hand to raise her, saying in a parental tone 'Empress, what are you doing? That is not your place.' The Empress, however, persisted in remaining in the same position, and Sovereign Pontiff had again given her his benediction, which he accordingly pronounced with tears in his eyes, in the following words: 'I give it to you from the lowest depths of my paternal heart, and also to your august husband and the whole of the Imperial family.'"

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Postal Relations with the United States—Imperial Decree—The Cable Difficulties Between the Two Countries—Important Correspondence—Interview of General Banks with the Emperor—A Tripartite Alliance.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 24, 1869.

In the official journal of yesterday appeared an imporant decree regulating the postal rates between France and the United States, and those portions of the American continent to which the United States serve as the medium of transmission. A brief recapitulation of its provisions will be interesting to your readers:

Letters sent to the United States and their territories by direct route, (that is to say, the French line of steamers,) will have to pay 20 centimes the 10 grammes. The postage must be prepaid, and it will only cover the letter to the port of disembarkation. Letters sent by way of England will pay 20 centimes the 10 grammes. The postage can be paid to its destination or collected from the party to whom it is addressed, at the option of the sender. Under the existing postal convention, which expires on the 1st of January next, the rate of postage is 30 centimes the 7½ grammes, so that by this clause an important concession is made both in the weight and rate. Letters to such portions of the American continent, the West Indies, Cuba, China, Japan and the Sandwich Islands as are sent through the United States are to be charged at the same 20 centimes the 10 grammes, or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory for the United States boundaries. Money letters (*lettres chargés*) to the United States and their Territories are to be charged 1 franc 20 centimes the 10 grammes, or any fraction thereof, and must be prepaid to their destination. Samples of merchandise sent to the United States of their Territories by the French line are to be charged 20 centimes the 40 grammes, or any fraction thereof, and must be prepaid to their destination, or, by way of England, the charge will be 30 centimes. Prepayment is obligatory. Samples sent to any of the countries above mentioned by way of the United States, are to be charged 20 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory.

Newspapers and periodicals sent to the United States and their Territories by the French line are to be charged 10 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory, and papers thus dispatched will only be sent to the port of disembarkation. Sent by way of England, the charge upon them is to be 10 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof, and prepayment is obligatory. The postage, however, can be paid to the place of destination.

It will be observed that these rates are the same as those paid under the expiring treaty and that no concession has been made to the newspaper interests.

Newspapers and periodicals sent to any of the countries to which the United States serve as an intermediary will pay 10 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof, and must be sent by way of England. Prepayment is obligatory. Other printed matter (not periodical) sent to the United States and their Territories by the French line will pay 10 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory, and it will only cover the letter to the port of disembarkation. Sent by way of England, it will pay 20 centimes the 40 grammes, or any fraction thereof, and must be prepaid to their destination. Sent by way of England, the charge will be 30 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory. Samples sent to any of the countries above mentioned by way of the United States, are to be charged 10 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Prepayment is obligatory.

Printed matter from the United States prepaid to the port of embarkation and sent by the French line, will continue the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof.

From the countries to which the United States serve as an intermediary the rates are:

Ordinary letters prepaid from the original country to the port of embarkation and sent by way of England, 1 franc 20 centimes the 10 grammes or any fraction thereof. Samples of goods prepaid to the port of embarkation from the original country and sent by way of England, 20 centimes the 40 grammes, or any fraction thereof. Printed matter of any kind prepaid to the port of embarkation from the original country and sent by way of England, 20 centimes the 40 grammes or any fraction thereof. Letters dispatched from the United States by the French steamers can be prepaid to their destination by stamps furnished for that purpose by the French Post Office. The postage on the letters thus stamped will be 20 centimes the 10 grammes or any portion thereof. In case of the postage being insufficiently covered the letters will be considered as not having been prepaid. The value of the stamps, however, will be deducted.

You will see from the above analysis of the decree that the French postal authorities have prepared a great deal of trouble both for themselves and as by the rejection of the proposals made by Commissioner RAMDAY, which would not only have simplified the postal relations of the two countries, but greatly increased the revenue derived from that source on both sides. Instead of the intelligible and uniform system recommended by our Government, we are now to have two systems, one of which (the French) will give no end of trouble and vexation.

THE CABLE CONTROVERSY.

The directors and shareholders of the French cable are terribly exercised by the course adopted by the United States Government in their regard. It seems that up to the time of the receipt of the President's Message they had been buoyed up with assurances from the other side that "they were perfectly secure, and that the thing would be made all right." Who the parties were that sent these assurances and what consideration was given for them I am unable to say, but certain it is that the passage in the Message which referred to their "monopoly" came upon them like a thunder stroke, as little were they prepared for it. To add to their discomfort, the French liberal journals have taken the matter up, and are condemning their whole course of proceeding. Even at the last general meeting of the shareholders, which was held a few weeks ago, the managers laughed at the idea of their being obliged to give up their exclusive privileges and spoke of a union with the English Company to keep up the rates of dispatches. As everything relating to this question has a pressing interest just at the present moment, I forward you a copy of the following important communication which has just been addressed to Secretary FISH by the attorney of the American Company, which has been refused a concession by the French Government.

PARIS, Dec. 17, 1869.

To Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, Washington City:

SIR: I have the honor to inclose you a copy of a letter addressed by me on the 11th inst., to the Minister of the Interior of France, in which I renew my application for permission to land an American cable on the shore of France.

You will observe that I ask that the exclusive privilege of twenty years accorded by the French Government to the French cable be extended to an American cable, provided the Government of the United States will confer the same privilege on both cables.

Such a policy, if adopted, would, in my humble opinion, be a sure preventive of any cable ever being laid across the Atlantic Ocean. Capitalists would not invest the large sums necessary to lay a cable, and incur the risks of so uncertain an operation, if they had no exclusive privilege for a term of years, but were left exposed to the rapacity of wealthy speculators and to the threats of blackmail. Was there ever a railroad or canal built without having some exclusive privileges? Is the possibility of having submarine cables of the great length required to cross the Atlantic by leaving it open to all the world to lay them seems to me so evident that it needs no argument to prove it.

As present there is no cable between the United States and Europe. The French cable crosses the Atlantic to connect distant French possessions with the mother country, and so it is with the English cables. In time of war both these cables could be suspended by their respective Governments, so that part of the cables which unite the United States and the French and English possessions would be disconnected, and the United States would be cut off from all telegraphic communication with Europe, while, at the same time, the fleets of these Governments hovering on our coast would have the advantage of telegraphic communication with their respective Governments.

I have, on a previous occasion, I have for several months past been engaged in negotiations with the Belgian Government for permission to land an American cable *direct* between the United States and Belgium, without touching any intermediate territory, and I am pleased to inform you that the Belgian Minister received my application with favor, and has accorded the privilege under certain restrictions, all subject, however, to the approval of the Government of the United States.

In the grant of the Belgian Government, that same right and privilege are reserved to the Government of the United States over the cable in its territory as are reserved to the Government of Belgium in its territory.

I obtained the admission in the grant by Belgium of an article as follows, the importance of which you cannot fail to appreciate: "No Government shall, at any time, use the cable for a longer period than one hour if another Government desires to send a message." This article prevents the monopoly by one Government of the use of the cable to the injury of another Government.

The grant also secures to each of the Governments of the United States and of Belgium the free use of the cable for thirty minutes in each twenty-four hours.

In preparing my proposals to the Belgian Government, I consulted Senators RAMBAT and FERRON, and other distinguished citizens of the United States then in Paris, and they expressed themselves pleased with the rights and privileges secured to both Governments.

The Belgian Government makes the great exclusive for twenty years to citizens of the United States, to the exclusion of her own citizens, subject, however, to the permission of the Government of the United States to land our cable.

The Belgian Government, in face of the action of the Government of Holland in throwing open its shores free to all the world to lay cables to the United States, granted to us the exclusive privilege of twenty years—without which privilege it was not thought possible that capitalists would be found to lay the cable.

I now respectfully request that my Government will permit me, its citizens, to enjoy this privilege, which a foreign Government has conferred upon us by allowing us to land and operate our cable.

The Government of Belgium asks not for any reciprocity for twenty years for her citizens, but has granted the exclusive privilege for twenty years to citizens of the United States to connect with the Belgian Government, and Belgium by direct telegraphic cable, and, subject, to the Government of the United States will secure to the Government of the Belgian Government and secure to the two countries the benefits of direct telegraphic communication by granting the permission we ask for, under such regulations as may seem wise and proper.

Although it is impossible at present to fix definitively the charge for a message by the proposed cable, I have arrived at the conclusion, from information given to me by the most experienced telegraphic engineers and operators, that the charge of a single message of ten words could be reduced to one-fourth of the present rates.

I have it in contemplation to offer to the Government of the United States to take possession of the cable, appoint the operators, and assume entire control of it, as a branch of the Post Office Department, and pay to the Company the net proceeds after paying necessary expenses. Or, that the Company shall contract with the Government of the United States for a term of years, as mail contracts are made, to transmit all dispatches, public and private, at a fixed rate, allowing the Government to charge a higher rate, the surplus to accrue to the benefit of the United States Treasury.

A copy of the Belgian grant will be sent to you in a few days.

I have sent to you an official copy of the Vienna Telegraphic Convention, which regulates international telegraphic lines in Europe, and which is necessarily applied to France and Belgium and Holland, and all transatlantic and other submarine cables.

I respectfully request that this communication and the copy of the Belgian grant may be taken into consideration at an early day, if not immediately, and that they may be submitted to the President of the United States.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant, WM. C. BARNEY.

(Copy.)

PARIS, Dec. 14, 1869.

To His Excellency the Minister of the Interior:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Sept. 4, 1869, in reply to an application made to you by myself and other citizens of the United States for permission to land and operate a cable, coming from the United States, on the coast of France.

You are placed in that communication to say:

"Je serais heureux de pouvoir faire un accueil favorable à votre demande, mais la concession faite à MM. D'ERLANGER et REUTER, d'une ligne analogue le 4 Juillet, 1868, constitue en leur faveur un privilège d'entièrement exclusif de *plus d'années* à partir du 1er Septembre, 1868. Cette disposition s'oppose, à mon grand regret, à ce que vous soyés autorisés à faire atterrir en France la ligne que vous avez projetée."

I beg leave to call the attention of your Excellency to the fact that the authorized agent of "La Société du Cable Transatlantique Française," (to whom the concession was sold by Messrs. D'ERLANGER and REUTER,) in an official letter addressed to Hon. HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State of the United States, relinquished for said Company said exclusive privilege, and agreed to obtain from the French Government all abandonment of the exclusive privilege of twenty years.

The existence of that letter to the Honorable the Secretary of the United States is beyond doubt, and, if necessary, I will produce to your Excellency the evidence of it.

Hence it is a fact that the exclusive privilege of twenty years has been abandoned by the transferees of the French concession, and certainly they have no right to hold the French Government to that privilege; but, what is more, they have solemnly agreed to obtain from the French Government the abandonment of it.

It would not be becoming in me to express any opinion on the views of the high officials of the United States on the subject of international cables.

I beg leave, in behalf of those citizens of the United States who signed the application of August 23, 1869, to renew for them that application for permission to land on the coast of France an American cable.

I can readily see that to encourage the laying of submarine cables some privilege or some aid must be given, otherwise capitalists would not be found to invest in such enterprises.

I ask the French Government to extend to us, citizens of the United States, the same privilege of twenty years which has been granted to the French concessionaires, who, notwithstanding their abandonment of said privilege, yet ask that it be conferred by the Government of the United States.

The granting to us such a privilege, on condition that the Government of the United States shall reciprocally grant the same privilege to the French Cable Company, would, no doubt, be satisfactory to all interested.

I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient servant, W. C. BARNEY,

Attorney for the promoters of the United States Continental Telegraph Company.

No answer has been received as yet to the above communication, and no notice will probably be taken of it until it is seen that Congress is earnest in its determination to exact fair play. It will be a bitter pill for the French Government to swallow to have to take back its monopoly, but the lesson will be a wholesome one, and it will probably lead to its relinquishment of the odious right of espionage which it claims over telegraph and cable dispatches.

GENERAL BANKS.

I stated to you in my last that General BANKS had left for the United States. He does not sail until to-morrow, having been detained by an accident. He had an interview of nearly two hours long with the Emperor on Sunday last, and also one with the Spanish Ambassador, Señor OLOZAGA. I don't know that he will be any the wiser on European affairs from his conference with either. There are no two men in the world with whom a frank and honest character like General BANKS would have less chance than with the two old political rats in question.

MADAGASCAR

Religious Revolution—The Queen Burns the Royal Idols, and with Her Aristocracy Embraces Christianity.

From the Daily News, Dec. 24.

A remarkable religious revolution has taken place in Madagascar. We learn from a letter from Rev. W. POOL, dated from the capital on the 2d of September, and published in a weekly contemporary, that the Queen has had the royal idols publicly burned, that she and her aristocracy have embraced Christianity, and that the whole province of Imerina, in which the capital is situated, has followed the example of the Government. The Queen embraced Christianity early in the year, and has all the Summer been building a chapel royal. Meanwhile, the wooden fence around the Temple of the great national idol had been pulled down, and the priests assumed a threatening aspect, even hinting that their god had medicine which would avenge him on the heretic Sovereign. On the 6th of September they came in force to the capital to claim their rights as nobles. A Council was held, and it was decided to send the Chief Secretary of State and other high officials to the sacred village, seven miles from the capital, and burn the idol before its keepers returned. They set off the same afternoon, and by an authority from the Prime Minister entered the house. The wood of the fallen fence was collected, and a fire was made, and the contents of the temple were brought out to be burned. First, the long cane carried before the idol in processions was thrown in; then twelve bullocks' horns from which incense or holy water had been sprinkled; then three scarlet silk robes, the silk robe worn over the idol by the keeper who carried it. Then came the idol's case—the trunk of a small tree hollowed and fitted with a cover; and last of all the idol itself. Hardly any of the present generation had seen the god, and great was the surprise when he was found to be a stone. Two pieces of scarlet silk about three feet long and three inches wide, with a small piece of wood about as big as a man's thumb inserted in the middle between them, so that the silk formed as it were two wings, was the great god of Madagascar, whose touch was sanctifying, and whose nearness was preservative. "You cannot hurt him, he is a god," said the people. "If he be a god he will not burn," said the officers; "we are going to try," and held it on a stick in the fire, that the people might see it as it was consumed. The victory was complete. Next day four other idols shared the same fate, and the rest followed. One was in a little village, the idol consisted of three round pieces of wood united by a silver chain. The people looked on in wonder, and when the process was over, seeing that they had now no gods to worship, they sent to the Queen to ask what they were to worship for the future. The Government, says the *English Independent*, adding to the information contained in Mr. POOL's letter, thereupon appealed to the native Christians to send Christian teachers, and they at once responded. It was found that of 200 towns and villages in Imerina, 120 already had Christian churches, and teachers were at once found for all the rest. This movement is the more remarkable for its purely native origin, is another proof that in certain stages of civilization nations may be converted by authority. The conversion of Madagascar has been accomplished in the nineteenth century much as that of the Saxons was accomplished in the sixth. The iconoclast is the reformer's forerunner. To overturn the fetish worship the fetish itself must be first destroyed.

LOPEZ.

The Dictator in Trouble with His Physician—Forced Loans in Paraguay.

An action arising out of circumstances connected with the Paraguayan war was tried in the Court of Session at Edinburgh, before the Lord Justice CLERK, on Dec. 21 and 22. The pursuer was Dr. WM. STEWART, who acted for some time as medical officer to the army of LOPEZ in Paraguay, and the defender was M. ANTOINE GELOT, of Paris. It appeared from the evidence that towards the end of 1866 LOPEZ quarreled with Dr. STEWART, accused him of having designs upon his life, and of having given him medicine that would be injurious to him, and altogether conducted himself in such a manner that Dr. STEWART became seriously apprehensive for his life. About this time, Mme. LYNCH, the favorite mistress of LOPEZ, who is described as an avaricious and designing woman, and who was usually supposed to have great influence over LOPEZ, sent for Dr. STEWART, and told him that she was afraid LOPEZ was going to do something for which she would never forgive him. Dr. STEWART understood that she meant by this that LOPEZ was going to shoot or hang him. She went on to say that she wanted Dr. STEWART to give her a bill for $4,000 to send to Europe. He told her that he had not any such sum, but she replied that was nonsense, as he had married a wealthy lady in Paraguay and must have plenty of money. She insisted that he should provide her with the money, and knowing that his life was in danger if he refused, he at last gave her a bill on his brother in Galashiels, on condition that she should take her chance of his brother declining to accept it if he had not the money. The bill was subsequently, under similar pressure, obliged to give her three more bills of exchange. His brother refused to accept the bills, and in September, 1868, Dr. STEWART was taken prisoner by the Allied army, and thus escaped out of LOPEZ's power. He now maintained that the bills, of which the defender, M. GELOT, was the holder, having been obtained through fear and force, were not binding, and that M. GELOT must simply be held as the agent of Mme. LYNCH. Ex-Minister SICMAHON, Dr. STEWART, Mr. MASTERMAN, Mr. VOLPY and other witnesses gave details of the shocking barbarities and cruelties practiced by LOPEZ upon the people of Paraguay and upon British and other foreign subjects, and the Attorney-General for Scotland said he could not have refused to pay the bill for Mme. LYNCH without risk to her life. The jury, after three hours' consultation, found that the bill of $4,000 was obtained by force and fear, without Dr. STEWART receiving any value for it, and a special verdict was returned on a second issue, leaving it to the Court to decide whether the defender "was or was not the onerous and *bona fide* holder of the bill."

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

MR. EDWIN BOOTH AS "HAMLET."

Mr. EDWIN BOOTH is undoubtedly the best *Hamlet* now on this country, by the present generation, and perhaps the best America has ever seen. We wish, in saying this, that it signified more. It is, however, undeniable that satisfactory representatives of this arduous character have been very few among us, and that for some years past the niche has hardly been filled at all. This is, in some respects, fortunate for Mr. BOOTH. If he had such rivals as either of the great *Hamlet's* of the stage—BETTERTON, GARRICK, KEMBLE, CHARLES YOUNG, EDMUND KEAN, or MACREADY—and if the present generation were accustomed to see such players, the success that he has gained would be a triumph indeed. In point of fact the only notable *Hamlets* that may be presumed to live in the recollection of middle aged people, are those of Messrs. FORREST, MACREADY, CHARLES KEAN, J. B. BOOTH, Sr., and G. V. BROOKE. The first named actor, powerful and even phenomenal as he has been in most characters, was always less successful in *Hamlet* than in any other. Latterly he has read the part better than ever before, but the misfortune has been that when he could *look Hamlet* he was unable to act it, and when he could act it he could no longer look it. MACREADY, with all his wonderful elaboration and consummate mastery of the business of the stage, was also less felicitous in this than in other impersonations. His mannerisms were fatal to that "thinking aloud" theory laid down by one of the best of the critics, and much the same remark applies to CHARLES KEAN. The latter had "handsome eyes, and his father's name," if not a good voice, and by dint of wonderful perseverance, an Eton education, and the absence of serious competition, succeeded in establishing himself as the Hamlet of the London stage. Mr. BOOTH, Sr., acted some parts of "Hamlet" with surpassing effect, but his appearance, especially in latter years, was unsuitable, his performance always unequal, and towards the last but a melancholy reminder of former excellence. BROOKE was terrible in the part; but his voice was gone when he played it here and, alternating between unnatural gutterals and a screeching rant, marred what was otherwise an intelligent if melo-dramatic performance. There has been no one, in a word, who has left a profound impression upon the public mind, and thus imposed upon any new candidate as a prerequisite to claiming position, the heavy task to efface or outshine it.

But although this fact smoothed the path and rendered it comparatively easy for future adventurers whose ambition might lure them to attempt it, we must of course, in all justice, look further for explanations of Mr. BOOTH's unprecedented success. His father's reputation has certainly been to him, whatever the same might have been to CHARLES KEAN, a passport to popular favor. The suddenness, too, with which he shot up into notice after giving but slight indications of talent in his earlier essays, attracted, as swift and bright things always do, admiring attention. His first appearance—as *Tresel*, in Boston,—was decidedly unpromising, and most judges who saw it predicted he would never make an actor. He seemed to verify the prophecy for a year two with great exactness, and then, in California, bounded up the professional ladder with surprising rapidity. Opinions might differ as to the degree of his merit, but after all the general public accepted and followed him, and "Hamlet" has proved the source and test of his fame. Now apart from the extrinsic reasons mentioned this has been mainly owing to personal considerations. Physically and in temperament Mr. BOOTH is capitally adapted to the usually received ideal of *Hamlet*. His spare and almost attenuated frame, his thoughtful, and, indeed, habitually mournful expression; his hollow, low-pitched voice; his splendid dark eye; his jetty disheveled locks, and a certain morbidness that is suggested by his whole look and bearing, carry conviction to the mass of beholders that in him they see as near an approach as possible to the *Hamlet* of SHAKESPEARE. Perhaps *Hamlet* should have yellow hair and sunny blue eyes to be "fat and scant of breath," and otherwise the physical antithesis of Mr. BOOTH. The mass, however, have not yet been taught to think so. Their prepossessions are all in favor of the princely Dane he gives them. We are bound to add that they are justified by something more than appearances.

Mr. BOOTH's *Hamlet* is in truth a remarkably well-studied and harmonious piece of acting. It is the product of much patient thought, and of a rigid determination to achieve in the character the utmost that nature and art will permit. We do not purpose to enter upon comparisons of readings, or moot points of significance, a style of discussion the tediousness of which is apt to outweigh its utility. Most of Mr. BOOTH's readings are traditional—that is to say, others have adopted them before him. He makes the "Into my grave," in answer to *Polonius'* question if he will walk out of the air, an ironic inquiry instead of an affirmation, transposes the "bitter" before "day" and puts it before "business" in the speech that ends the play-scene, and points his sword neither towards the *Ghost* nor his friends, but holds it up as a cross towards the apparition, as if to exercise a possible fiend. These and some other slight changes we have not seen before on our stage, and they are for the most part judicious and effective. As regards the "business," it is almost universally altered and sometimes not for the better. The rule seems to have been to repeat nothing that is old, which secures the advantage of novelty, but not always that of propriety. The free use of seats from which to deliver the soliloquys and long speeches gives variety to the scene, and is therefore commendable. Mr. BOOTH's temperateness in the matter of vocal display is, in general, most praiseworthy. It verges, at times, upon austerity, and in some instances causes disappointment by falling short of the expected passion of the situation. As the reaction from "robustiousness" is one of the secrets of Mr. BOOTH's rise, and as this reticence of his is productive of much-needed good results, it seems ungracious to object to it. Yet it is undeniable that, whether it is to be attributed to this or other causes, there is a want of fire and *electricity* in the great tool scenes of Mr. BOOTH's *Hamlet* which is inconsistent with the requirements of the part and with the artist's own reputation. We would except from this criticism the "nunnery" passage, and the scenes with the *Ghost*, the last of which, in particular, is most tenderly and beautifully rendered. In passages of violent declamation Mr. BOOTH appears to lack power, and he is, as a consequence, uniformly more successful in subtle and complicated indications of character than in heroic or oratorical ones. In the latter, too, his action is rather against him. He is languid rather than easy, his gesticulation is angular, and, for a man of so much suppleness and so keen an eye to effect, he falls into curiously unpraetical attitudes. He has, moreover, an unpleasant habit of sinking the head between the shoulders, of *crouching* as it were, which better comports with the idiosyncrasies of the snake-like *Richard* than with those of the high-bred Prince of Denmark, who class of fashion and the mould of form." Mr. BOOTH has another practice, which, if not too late, he would do wisely to abandon. His mouth, the sole defect of an otherwise singularly fine face, has, naturally, not the best of expressions. The upper lip is flat and sinister. Now, he exaggerates the effect of this by his fashion of keeping it, when speaking, almost immovable, using the lower lip and showing the under teeth almost exclusively. This may tend to produce the occasional sibilant effect in his enunciation, and to intensify an air of virulent ferocity, that, being apparently uncalled for by the text, sometimes disfigures his manner. These are matters of detail, but are not unworthy of attention, especially in a performance in which such minutiæ raise or lower the standard of excellence.

In spite of these faults, and his disposition at intervals to fall into a mechanical manner, Mr. BOOTH's *Hamlet* is a very interesting and a very fine performance. If it fails to excite our enthusiasm by the force of unquestionable genius, it commands our respect by its solidity, its self-restraint, its obvious reverence for art and the admirable influence of its example. To see Mr. BOOTH's *Hamlet* is not, as the critic said KEAN's was, like reading SHAKESPEARE by flashes of lightning; but it is like reading him by a steady light which illumes the beauties of his magnificent poetry, and reveals the intricacies of his teeming imagination with an equable and instructive ray. The appreciative closeness of Mr. BOOTH's study of his text is shown in a hundred gratifying instances—such as in the covert but exquisitely marked allusion to *Ophelia* in the last scene of the first act after the *Ghost's* departure—and this conscientiousness and discernment deserve hearty praise. Even higher encomiums are due for the liberality and dignity with which Mr. BOOTH has placed the sublime tragedy on the stage of his theatre. Such work in behalf of the art that charms and soothes, and elevates and instructs is more ennobling than the laurels of a conqueror; and it is the more creditable to Mr. BOOTH, inasmuch as no precedent existed to suggest that such toil and expenditure might be looked for at his hands. For this, and independently of his high claims as an actor, he merits, and we rejoice to say, he receives, the honor and gratitude of the community.

MR. CHARLES FECHTER.

Among the large audience that witnessed the performance of "Hamlet" at Booth's Theatre on Wednesday evening, there was no spectator whose interest in the representation was more apparent than Mr. CHARLES FECHTER, whose engagement at Niblo's Garden, proclaimed and contradicted in turn with an assurance that made a system of French *communiqués* a thing to be desired, is at present, it seems, a certainty. Now that Mr. FECHTER's first appearance in this country is really near at hand, a few facts in regard to the career of an actor concerning whom so much has been reported and so little is actually known, are not untimely. By nativity, Mr. FECHTER is an Englishman; by education only, a Frenchman. He was born in London, of German parentage, about forty-five years ago. A pamphlet, published in Paris in 1864, gives this intelligence, but spans the seventeen years that succeeded his birth with the brief declaration that he intended to be a sculptor and became an actor. He was only seventeen at the time of his debut at the Théâtre Molière. He was then utterly inexperienced, but his acting seemed so full of promise that it secured for him an introduction to SCRIBE. A series of lessons at the Paris Conservatory followed. But after a few weeks' tuition, we are told, he despaired of acquiring valuable knowledge in an institution where four different Professors, in as many weeks, had read to him one part after four different fashions. So he quitted the Conservatory and returned to his studio. He accepted directly, however, an offer to join a traveling troupe in Italy, and although compelled, by the pecuniary ill-success of the venture, to again take up the chisel, he was so little discouraged as to set aside a diploma authorizing him to compete as a sculptor for the *prix de Rome*, and to profit, in preference, by an authorization entitling him to a hearing at the Comédie Française. From that day Mr. FECHTER's career as an actor was uninterrupted. He was part of the company of the Comédie for eighteen months, and he laid on the stage of the first theatre of France the foundation of a thorough familiarity with his art. Leaving this house, he passed a year in Berlin, whence he transferred his services to the Vaudeville, then to the Ambigu, then to the Variétés, and then to the Théâtre Historique. At the latter theatre, he was the original personator of "The Corsican Brothers," and of *Horace* in "Pauline." Subsequently, at the Vaudeville, he "created" *Armand* in "La Dame aux Camélias" and *Raphael* in "Les Filles de Marbre," and then accepted the proposals of the Porte St. Martin management, and figured there in "Le Fils de la Nuit," "La Belle Gabrielle" and kindred works. For the reader at all acquainted with the modern French drama, the simple enumeration of these pieces will be sufficient enlightenment as to the order of Mr. FECHTER's talent. Suited by physical qualities and by early picturesque surroundings for the delineation of romantic characters, he won for himself in them great popular reputation. Yet, remembering Mr. FECHTER's rank at that time, we doubt if he could have borne comparison in respect of creative power and science with many older actors less gifted by nature and less favored by their line of stage business. He had now reached the zenith of his fame as a French romanticist, and was too thoughtful, we opine, to continue to tread a path which, spite of his rare merit, a simple change of locks might rob of its roses. So many proofs of the superiority of French comedians over their English brethren have been offered before metropolitan audiences, that to at all undervalue the chances of a French player before an intelligent London audience would denote little judgment indeed. We hardly think Mr. FECHTER thought of reforming the British acting of the day, but he was quite aware of his enormous advantages, and of the opportunity he had of winning increased and more durable celebrity by the assumption of less unsubstantial parts. Mr. MADDOX, of the Princess' Theatre, had suggested to him to perform at his establishment some years previous, and to that place he now repaired. He studied English with Rev. Mr. BELLEW, a sensational preacher of note, and he appeared in 1860, under the management of Mr. HARRIS, in "Ruy Blas." His success was immediate. It determined him to forsake the French stage and to give his whole energy to the (to him) easy task of delighting English audiences.—Laconically as we have dwelt upon Mr. FECHTER's connection with the drama in France, we shall write still more briefly of his after life in England. Mr. DICKENS' elaborate paper in fact, if it describes rather enigmatically Mr. FECHTER's power of impressing an assemblage plastic to the moulding might of romance, does it—at least in the writer's recollection of the actor at the Porte St. Martin, when he assumed the characters he was specially fitted to—with considerable accuracy. As the article in question states, Mr. FECHTER acted *Hamlet* in England, and by innovations that will have notice here by and by, commanded attention and discussion, and prosperity for his theatre. The first performance of the artist in this country occurs Monday evening at Niblo's. "Ruy Blas" is to be the play. The warmth and vigor Mr. FECHTER's interpretations, we are assured, are still marked by, will of course have instant appreciation; whether the countless niceties of his by-play will be detected by the habitual frequenter of New-York places of resort is less positive. As we have shown Mr. FECHTER to be a thoroughly French artist, we need not add that these niceties constitute a large share of his claims to unusual regard. The Queen of Spain in the drama is to be represented by Miss CLAOTILDE LECLERCQ, whom the management of Niblo's engaged to accompany Mr. FECHTER, with whom she has played in London for some years. The other characters will be assumed by the members of the regular company, who are likely to retain them for a fortnight, when a change of bill will be made. The engagement of Mr. FECHTER at Niblo's extends over six weeks only.

The Academy Ball.

The ball of the American Club, one of the noted events of the dancing season, came off at the Academy of Music last evening, and notwithstanding the storm, the attendance was extremely large, the Academy being crowded in every part. All the City officials, a majority of the members of the State Legislature, the officers of the various City regiments, and very many prominent men in social, political and other walks of life were present. Dancing was almost out of the question, on account of the crowded state of the floor. No particular attempt was made at decoration. The stage was draped as a tent, and at the rear was a scene representing the Club House of the association, situated on an island in Indian Harbor, Long Island Sound. The "Tiger" of the Club, surrounded by the American coat, in gas jets, was suspended from the ceiling in the centre, and pleased brilliantly over the multitude. The display of dress and jewelry seen by the ladies present might be called magnificent, and the effect produced by the various colors as the crowd surged through the building was very beautiful. Nothing of an unpleasant nature occurred during the night, and it was far beyond the small hours when the last set was danced, and the American ball became an event of the past.

A LARGE TRUST ESTATE.

Important Suit to Be Argued by the Surrogate—Charges of Fraud and Misrepresentation—Over a Quarter of a Million of Dollars Involved.

A case of much interest, not only as regards the amount in litigation, but also as to the prominence of the parties most interested, came before the Supreme Court at Chambers yesterday, Judge CARDOZO presiding. It is entitled ELIZABETH R. BOWNE vs. HERMANUS B. DURYEA and others. The defendant DURYEA is a well-known lawyer of Brooklyn. The plaintiff is the granddaughter of Mr. BOWNE, who died some time since, leaving a large estate, consisting principally of houses and lots, which have much increased in value since his death. From the papers in the case it appears that when he died the estate was valued at considerably over a million of dollars. In his will Mr. BOWNE left the bulk of his property to his son GILBERT W. He also left to HERMANUS B. DURYEA property which was appraised at the sum of $100,000, for his use during his life, with remainder over to his grandchildren, CORNELIUS B. and S. B. DURYEA; also the sum of $100,000 to his son GILBERT W. for the sole use and benefit of the plaintiff, Miss ELIZABETH R. BOWNE. When GILBERT W. BOWNE executed his will he left the residue of his property to HERMANUS B. DURYEA, JOHN LEVERSIDGE and one other person in trust. The three, acting as trustees under the will, were to have the property appraised, and then divided in such a way that the residuary legatees should receive equal nieces ceased by the grandfather's will might be corrected. The property was to be held in trust until the plaintiff herein came of age, and then it was to be divided among the legatees according to the terms of the will. If the plaintiff or any of the nephews died before the plaintiff arrived at the age of 21 years, that share was to be divided pro rata among the survivors. But before GILBERT BOWNE's death one of the nephews died. Mr. GILBERT W. BOWNE died in 1863, and his will was soon after admitted to probate. In 1864 the executors passed their accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance in their hands of $96 28, held by them in trust. Thereupon they petitioned the Supreme Court for compensation for their labors as trustees, and that

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

An attempt was made yesterday by R. H. Ludlow & Co. to break the silence of the Exchange Rooms by a public sale of real estate, but the result was a discouraging failure. Two lots on the east side of Lexington-avenue, in the first month of Fifty-fourth-street, were put up at $7,500, but received no bids and were withdrawn. After consultation with the owner, the property was offered again at $7,000 each lot, with the same result as before, and the room was again deserted, no sale having been effected therein this week.

Wm. H. Raynor reports the sale of three lots east side of Fourth-avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, each 25x65, for $24,500.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The work on the new Post Office progresses satisfactorily, and after Congress has appropriated the requisite $1,000,000 each there will be something of the former activity on the grounds. A great part of the cement area has already disappeared, although but few men have been digging there, and in six weeks the excavation will be almost complete. The Messrs. CORNELL have commenced to deliver the cellar iron pillars for which they received the contract, and the solid stone abutments will be ready for them before Spring. There are less than 100 men now employed on the grounds.

A Milwaukee and St. Paul first mortgage bond of $1,000, numbered 2,837, was stolen in Wall-street yesterday. The brokers and bankers were cautioned against negotiating it.

In an interview had yesterday by our reporter with WM. HORACE LINGARD, of the Grand Opera House, that gentleman asserted as that he and Mrs. ALICE DUNNING LINGARD are reconciled so truly that he believes nothing but death will ever separate them. He further added that neither he nor the lady ever desired to enter a court of justice, and both sincerely regret the publicity given to their little domestic troubles. It was the result of the machinations of evil-minded busybodies he said, whom both believed to be friends, but whom they have forever disregarded. Happiness once more reigns in their household, and promises to be perpetual.

Dr. DORENUS begins this evening his course of illustrated lectures on the "Scientific and Biblical Accounts of Creation." There will be splendid and novel experiments in his various chemical illustrations. The course will continue on the Friday evenings in January, at the large hall of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. WAYLAND HOYT will lecture at Steinway Hall next Monday evening, on "What was and what is across the continent." The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the increase of the fund for building Trinity Baptist Church. A Fair recently held at Apollo Hall, yielded $3,800, and a benevolent gentleman promises, that if raised to $10,000, he will give an additional $1,000 for the purpose.

A free course of scientific lectures is to be given in the great hall of the Cooper Union, under the direction of the trustees of that institution, Saturday evenings, commencing Jan. 8. The subject and lectures for each evening will be advertised in the Friday morning and evening newspapers. One of the most important lectures of the course will be delivered this evening at Cooper Union by Professor JOHN C. FREMONT, on "On the Air and Respiration." Numerous experiments will be made illustrating the peculiar qualities of the gases found in the atmosphere.

The scholars attending the Thirteenth Ward Industrial School had a very pleasant time yesterday on the occasion of their Christmas festival. Their parents turned out in large numbers to see their little ones enjoy themselves and receive their New Year's presents. Each scholar was presented by Mr. BLACK, of the Children's Aid Society, with an article of clothing or shoes, and a bagful of candies and cakes. This school is kept in a high state of efficiency through the instrumentality of the excellent teachers, Miss PHILLIPS and Miss JOHNSON.

The three girls, CATHERINE TROY, MARY E. O'BRIEN and MARY DOWLEY, who, it will be remembered, left their residences in this City some weeks ago for the purpose of connecting themselves with an improper house in St. Louis, were before the Essex Market Police Court yesterday. The prisoners expressed their regret for their indiscretion, and were sent to the House of Refuge.

Mr. R. R. WEST, President and Treasurer of the Institution for the Prevention of Gambling, calls attention to the fact that an imposter has been obtaining contributions in the name of the Society. Every person connected with the Association is provided with a proper certificate.

Arrangements have been made for a torch-light procession of the friends of Judge LUDWIG, who intend to start from Tenth-avenue and Thirty-eighth-street this evening, and after passing through the principal streets of the Twentieth Ward, proceed to his residence in West Thirty-third-street, and serenade him there.

The annual missionary service of the Church of the Holy Communion, corner of Sixth-avenue and Twentieth-street, was held last evening. After the usual services, which were led by Dr. MUHLENBERG, Dr. PADDOCK, of Grace Church, Brooklyn, repeated by request his sermon delivered at the opening of the Board of Missions. At the conclusion of the sermon a very liberal collection was taken up in aid of the missionary work.

The meeting which was announced to be held at the *Clipper* office to-day between the friends of MACE and ALLEN was a fizzle. Neither party had ever heard anything about it until it was stated in yesterday morning papers. Mr. MACE has forwarded a set of articles to ALLEN and is waiting for his reply. MACE, attended by his agent, FRED ABRAHAMS, visited the *Clipper* office yesterday morning, but on purely private business.

The shoe clerks of this City announce with pleasure the fact that all the employers have consented to close at 8 o'clock in the evening, (Saturdays excepted,) save one or two, who are connected by interests too complex to be mentioned. The Committee having the matter in charge are to be commended for the skill with which they have done the work intrusted to them. A circular has been issued by the dealers calling a meeting for Tuesday next, at Masonic Hall. It will doubtless be in strong sympathy with the movement of the clerks.

JOHN GILHEVY, a retail liquor dealer doing business at West Farms, Westchester County, was arrested yesterday on the charge of not paying special tax. He was brought before Commissioner SHARLES, and was held in his own recognizance to appear for examination.

PHILO CHASE, of No. 15 Wall-street, for eight years a member of the Maine Bar, was yesterday admitted to the Bar of the United States Circuit Court by Judge BLATCHFORD, on motion of Assistant District-Attorney JACKSON.

JOHN WALLACE was yesterday struck on the head by a ladder which fell from the Elevated Railroad at the corner of Twenty-second-street and Ninth-avenue, and was so severely injured that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance.

The Board of Police held a meeting yesterday, at which no business of a public nature was done except the transfer of Sergeant J. H. FERRIS from the Twenty-eighth Precinct to the First Precinct.

A fire broke out yesterday on the first floor of No. 69 West-street, occupied by GAUTIER, SMITH & CO., commission merchants, who were damaged about $600. E. BETTLE, lockmaker, occupying the second and third floors, suffered to a like amount, and T. PETERSON, rigger, on the fourth floor, estimated loss $200.

Coroner FLYNN commenced an inquest yesterday in the case of GEORGE REISENEGER, the German who was killed on Monday by the sudden fall of an elevator at premises No. 89 Ann-street. The witnesses examined testified that the elevator had been for some time in a dangerous condition, being wholly unguarded on every floor. The jury inquired of a practical engineer, who had examined the elevator, if it would be better to have one man in charge instead of leaving it open to all the tenants and their employes. An affirmative answer being given Mr. RILEY, the coroner, remarked that the tenants would not pay the expense of an engineer to look after the elevator. He was reminded by the Coroner that human lives should not be endangered through false economy. The Grand Jury would probably take some action in the present case. In order that the Grand Jury and the Coroner might make a personal examination of the elevator machinery the case was laid over until to-day.

THOS. SAMPSON has been appointed chief of the corps of detectives employed by the New-York Stock Exchange to look out for the thieves that occasionally ply their vocation there. He has resigned his position as Chief of the Sub-Treasury detective force.

At the Essex Market Police Court yesterday CHARLES DUNHAM was charged with breaking into the house of Mr. CHARLES LANE, No. 7 Suffolk street, and attempting to carry away a set of harness valued at $200. He was committed for trial.

JOHN ROSENBERG, of No. 5 Ridge-street, caused the arrest of GEO. EMETT yesterday on a charge of larceny. The complainant says the accused took the materials for twelve pairs of kid shoes and a set of lasts, valued in all at $90. The workman received the property on the 12th of October, and never made any return. The detectives ascertained that EMETT had committed similar larcenies in other parts of the City. Justice DOWLING remanded the accused for trial.

JAMES DOUGHERTY, now of the House of Detention, was committed in Washington-street, on the night of the 23d ult., by MICHAEL FITZGERALD and several other men, who stole from him one in money and a watch worth $100. Prisoner was arraigned before Justice DOWLING, and finally gave bail.

ANDREW FLYNN was run over yesterday by Coroner FLYNN, at the corner of Avenue B and Twenty-first-street, and died of his injuries on Tuesday. A verdict of accidental death was duly rendered, as no blame could be attached to the driver or coachmen.

Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest yesterday at No. 315 East Fifteenth-street over the body of AUGUST MORGENSTEN, the German who found himself on Wednesday night, as already mentioned. The deceased occupied his room in company with JOHN A. LEHMANN, who left the room on Tuesday and agreed to meet the deceased at dinner on Wednesday. When he came home, LEHMAN found the room door locked, which, being forced open, the deceased was found hanging to a nail in the door. No motive could be ascertained.

Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS delivered his celebrated lecture on "Street Life in Europe" before a large and appreciative audience at Steinway Hall last evening. He illustrated his subject by new and striking and amusing characterizations of the different European nationalities, and drew a contrast between them and those of the American nation favorable to the latter. The lecture was well received and was frequently applauded.

The following challenge from the Tyne Island rowing crew—SIMPSONS, MARTIN, WISHIP and TAYLOR—who lately defeated the "London-ers"—KELLY, SADLER, MCMAHON and HARRINGTON—the rowing and oar club championship of England on the Tyne, Nov. 15, 1869, to the St. John crew, known as "the Park crew," was brought by WALTER BROWN, the American oarsman, who lately returned from England, "to row them a straight-away race of four and a half miles, with the tide or in slack water, on the Hudson River or at Springfield, Mass., for the sum of 500 sovereigns (a mile, in gold, and will accept the sum of $200 for expenses; or they will give the expenses and have the race take place on any waters in England, in the Summer of this year."

Rev. Mr. MILBURN delivered his popular lecture on "What a Blind Man Saw in Paris," at the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association last evening. So many have listened to the eloquence of the blind preacher that a mere mention of the fact that he lectured, almost obviates any necessity for the statement that all present spent a most delightful evening.

The stated monthly meeting of the American Institute, was held last evening, HORACE GREELEY presiding. Thirty-three new members were voted in by ballot. A stormy and rather undignified discussion ensued on a resolution, which was, however, carried, in favor of electing a committee of fifteen to nominate the officers for the ensuing year, to report two weeks hence. The following gentlemen compose the Committee: Messrs. Ely, Hall, Bassett, Rich, Proctors, Stetson, Ward, Stuart, Shannon, Adriance, Historal, Hall, Nash, Bird and Vandervoorter.

The second annual ball of "La Coterie of New-York," composed of the gentlemen connected with the principal hotels in this City, takes place at the Academy of Music next Thursday evening, and promises to be a grand affair. Extensive preparations have been made for rendering the masquerade a pleasanter one even than that of the same association last year, which every one who attended it recalls with pleasure.

The assets of the German Savings Bank of this City, corner of Fourteenth-street and Fourth-avenue, were $5,066,128 on Jan. 1, showing an increase of $672,536 during the past year. The number of depositors is 18,618.

EDWARD CAHILL, a laborer, of No. 541 West Thirtieth-street, was crushed between two freight cars on the Hudson River Railroad, at the Thirty-third-street depot, sustaining severe injuries.

WILLIAM EGAN, of No. 563 Columbia-street, Brooklyn, had an arm dislocated by a fall through a hatchway at No. 68 Leonard-street.

HERBERT S. KELLY, of No. 504 Tenth-street, was arrested for assaulting JOHN C. HEALY, and had an arm broken by a fall in the West Thirty-fifth-street Police Station.

NEAL MCLAUGHLIN died suddenly yesterday at No. 517 West Thirty-ninth street.

BROOKLYN.

A meeting of the members of the Kings County Bar was held yesterday, to consider the subject of reorganizing the Brooklyn City Court. Mr. D. P. BARNARD reported the draft of an act to be submitted to the Legislature providing for the election of three Judges for the City Court, and investing it with more extensive jurisdiction than it now exercises. Mr. E. L. SANDERSON proposed an amendment providing for the representation of both political parties on the Bench, and speeches on the subject were made by Messrs. E. L. Sanderson, D. P. Barnard, Rodney S. Church, Abram S. Dailey, Bernard Hughes, Colonel Jack and J. M. Stearns. The amendment was lost and the report was adopted.

The amount realized from pew rents in the Classon-avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. DURYEA, pastor, is $6,700. The rates of pew rent have been put so low as to enable the greatest number to avail themselves of the privilege of worshiping in that comfortable church.

Yesterday morning, about 1 o'clock, the house of GOTLIEB CRAMER, corner of Hicks and Sackett-street, took fire and sustained damage to the amount of $150.

The residence of Mr. G. H. NICHOLS, No. 66 Schermerhorn-street, was entered on Wednesday night and robbed of $200 worth of property.

In the Kings County Board of Supervisors yesterday Mr. HOWELL moved a preamble and resolutions providing for the increase of the City Court Bench. Mr. CROOKE, a lawyer of high standing in the County, opposed the motion, and said that the proposition merely meant furnishing two comfortable sinecures for somebody at a cost to the county of not less than $12,000. On Mr. CROOKE's motion the matter was laid on the table.

Mrs. LOUISA BARTON, residing at the corner of Willoughby-avenue and Skillman-street, while crossing Bedford-avenue, near Myrtle, was knocked down by a runaway horse attached to the forward wheels of a wagon. She filed in a few moments. The husband of Mrs. BARTON was formerly Chief of the Troy Police.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

ISAAC VAN WART BUCKOUT, the murderer, has begun to take his meals with some degree of regularity; and yesterday he asked for a cup of strong tea, and requested to be supplied with a pipe and some tobacco, which were furnished. He is now free in his conversation with his counsel, but by the instructions of his legal advisers he will be reticent for the future on the subject of his crime.

A young man named MORRIS CAHILL, living in Elm-street, Yonkers, while excavating a well in Laurel-street in that village yesterday, was seriously, if not fatally, injured, in consequence of the rope breaking and precipitating the bucket, filled with stone and mud, upon him.

LONG ISLAND.

At the annual communication of Glen Cove Lodge, No. 589, F. and A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John R. Fairchild, M.; Wm. Reilly, S. W.; R. A. Perkins, J. W.; James Thorn, T.; John Verney, S.; Wm. R. Prentice, S. D.; Daniel Golder, J. D.; Jacob Carpenter, R.; F. Emerson, M. of C.; A. V. Hicks, Tiler.

A society of the denomination of Free Methodists has been organized at Greenport. An effort is being made to raise funds sufficient to build a church edifice.

The store of JOHN C. KING, at Sag Harbor, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The fire companies were promptly on hand, but owing to a fresh wind they could save nothing. Some of the goods were found in a building back door, and it was evidently fired after being robbed. Loss about $2,000. No clue to the incendiaries.

The female incendiary, ANN MORRIS, of Flushing, was examined before Justice QUARTERMAN Wednesday, and committed to the County Jail. It appears that when discharged by VANDEWATER last June, she invoked the vengeance of God by fire and water upon his house. Since that time three attempts have been made to destroy his dwelling. The presumption of her guilt is strong.

The rails on the Sag Harbor branch of the Long Island Railroad are laid to within two and a half miles of Southampton.

The arrest of the ruffians charged with the attempted rape of the female temperance lecturer at Astoria, a week ago last Monday, has not been made, because they cannot be found.

Captain JAMES M. HAVENS has been appointed Trustee of the Sag Harbor Savings Bank in place of N. P. HOWELL deceased.

The corner stone of a new Methodist Episcopal Church will be laid at Riverhead on Thursday of next week.

Three thousand dollars has been subscribed towards the erection of a new church at Quogue.

At the Surrogate's office of Suffolk County for the past year eighty wills have been proved, seventy-five letters testamentary issued, sixty-five letters of administration issued and thirty-three guardians appointed. In this county the Surrogate's duties are performed by the County Judge.

NEW-JERSEY.

Since Jan. 1, 1869, 22,000 new members have been initiated into the Order of United American Mechanics in New-Jersey, and 16 new councils organized. The widows' and orphans' fund amounts to $900 $7. The receipts of the subordinate councils during the year were $15,-664 97, and donations for relief and benefit, $2,-489 61. The following are the officers: S. C., JOHN S. READ, of Camden Council; J. C., ABRAHAM W. JOHNSON, of Newark; S. C. S., JOSEPH SHINN, of Camden; S. C. T., ABRAM SWARZ, of Camden; C. T., JOHN N. HAYCOCK, of Newark; S. C. R., GEO. W. MORRISON, of Camden; S. C. F., JOHN K. LONEAK, of Evening Star. The next session of the State Council will be held in Millville on the 12th of April next.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, as Mrs. SWARTZ, who resides at No. 126 Norfolk-street, was dressing her child, a babe two months old, she, in attempting to take a bowel from the mantel-piece, accidentally upset a kerosene lamp, which fell to the floor and broke, the oil igniting and setting fire to the clothes of another child of Mrs. SWARTZ's, aged 2 years. The mother at once rushed to the rescue of her little one, and in doing so her own dress caught fire. Perceiving it she ran down stairs, and met a man who extinguished the secret fire. She was, however, seen by another, who threw a shawl about her, and smothered the flames. She is, however, fatally injured.

The Passaic County Court of Appeals meets on the 25th inst.

The Passaic Water Company having purchased, for $22,500, the property and privileges of General HOXSEY, (report 26 July,) at the northern end of their dam across the falls, have thereby so materially increased their water-power as to render practicable the introduction of water into the Second Ward of the City of Paterson, a measure which it is stated will be carried into effect during the present year.

Dr. H. C. MEEKS, of Peacock, left home on the morning of the 26th ult., as if to attend to his professional duties, but did not return. On the following day, however, his wife received a letter from him stating that if she did not see him back in three days she need not expect him at all. Since then nothing has been positively known of his whereabouts, although it is rumored that he went directly to New-York, and collected all his available means, and, with three children, said to reported to have been in comfortable circumstances with a lucrative practice.

The extensive new print works of Messrs. REID, BARNY & CO., of Passaic, will be put in operation next week, and will employ nearly 200 hands.

Mr. JAMES BELL, a wholesale liquor dealer on Congress-street, has been charged by Internal Revenue Collector HEADLY with violations of the Internal Revenue laws, in having upon his premises thirty-one empty barrels, each bearing an unconceled stamp, and for failing to keep a record of his purchases and sales, or expose his sign as a wholesale dealer.

Application is to be made to the New-Jersey Legislature for a charter for the Saddle River and Hoboken Railroad Company.

A high wayman accosted Mr. GEO. DENTON, of Paterson, while on his way home, on Tuesday night, with the words "Your money or your life," but upon entering the sound of his intended victim's voice, muttered profanely that he had made a mistake in his man, and ran away.

JOHN O'NEIL and JAMES FITZGERALD, two New-Yorkers, while intoxicated, entered the Dearforth Mills, Paterson, and flourished a dirk knife with such dexterity as to alarm the female operators out of their senses. They were both arrested.

PETER MCGOVERN, CHARLES WARREN, EDWARD MULLEN and JAMES WILLIAMS were yesterday morning arrested in Jersey City, on a charge of attempting to defraud emigrants going out on steamers on the point of departure. The Recorder committed them for examination.

A woman named BRIDGET MARTIN died at the Sisters' Hospital, in Jersey City, on Wednesday night in consequence of injuries received by falling down stairs at her residence in Mercer-street, on Tuesday last. Coroner BURNS gave a permit for burial.

JOHN B. WINCHELER was yesterday arrested on Hudson City, on a charge of having beaten his wife and of having injured his mother-in-law during a fit of anger. It is said that he knocked his fist through a pane of glass in his door with such violence as to throw the fragments in the face of the latter. She had just retreated through the door to avoid a beating which he was about to inflict.

MATTHEW ALBER, a German, aged 94, died yesterday from the effects of drinking too much whisky. He lived at No. 71 Monmouth-street.

The Council appointed to investigate matters concerning the assessment for pavings on Third and Willoughby streets met again last night, and listened to the balance of the complaints, some five or six. The ends the complainants' sine. The Surveyor seems to be sanguine of a clear defence, and asserts that he will show to the satisfaction of the Board, by affidavits and other testimony which will corroborate his assertion, and prove that the complaints are entirely without foundation.

During 1869 the Newark Post Office sold $60,000 worth of stamps. The money orders amounted to $90,945 29, and there were 1,200,000 letters passed through the office.

THE LOGAN TRAGEDY.

Further Action of the Coroner—Testimony of the Eye Witnesses—The Murderer Still at Large—Death of Logan—His Dying Statement—He Denies Participation in the Recent Murder.

Yesterday afternoon Coroner FLYNN proceeded to examine the three witnesses detained by the Police in the case of JAMES LOGAN, (No. 2,) who was shot on Wednesday morning in West Houston-street, by JERRY DUNN. These witnesses very justly complain that they were treated by the Eighth Ward Police more like actual criminals than credible witnesses for the people. They were locked up for nearly thirty hours in the cells of the Station House, in the basement, and were very much fatigued at their long and apparently unnecessary imprisonment. Why witnesses are thus treated by the Police it is difficult to imagine, except that official recklessness is the principal cause. The evidence of the witnesses was as follows:

BERNARD WILSON, of No. 144 Bleecker-street, testified: On Wednesday, at two o'clock, I was standing in front of No. 32 West Houston-street, near the stoop; I was quite alone at the time; Logan was walking up and down in an excited manner, saying "I'll show them a thing or two;" I saw Logan walking up and down in front of the saloon under the House of Commons; I did not hear him repeat the threat about making the man move than once; I heard the shot; I saw the man fall; I saw Logan walk there all that time; the wounded man came by and spoke to him; his name is John W. Cook; he invited me to go; I said I had better not go into the saloon, for there was going to be a fight; at the time there came out of the saloon Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Wilson's brother, and Mr. Wilson's father; I said to Wilson, "Wilson, I'd get inside of your place;" Logan spoke to the outside man, saying, "Yes," the other man said, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" Logan exclaimed, "I can lick you;" the other man said, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" Logan exclaimed, "I can lick you;" this was the third time; I asked him what he was talking about; Logan replied, "I can lick all three of you;" no more words were uttered, and Logan threw up his hands and said he "could lick all three of them;" he made some to Logan, who called out "Pop, shot;" Logan did not make any attempt to strike the man, nor did he take any weapon from his pocket; as the man fired the pistol he ran away; Logan also ran up the street; I did not see the pistol; the object of firing the man who fired the shot was, I suppose, to kill him; I think the man was in the saloon, as he set him go; I think caught a hold of the man as he was going out; I did not; I have given the whole account of my friend; I did not let go; I also he would shoot me also; I did so, and the man ran away towards Greene-street; that is all I know of the meeting; the man I spoke to of Cook not to go into the saloon, as there would be a fight, was Logan; I heard Logan threaten to mash somebody.

John W. Cook, of No. 32 West Houston-street, testified: I was on stoop, about two o'clock on Wednesday morning; I called to the man in front of West Houston-street; as I did so, the previous witness spoke to me, and I recognized him; though I had not seen her before for two years; he said not to go in, as there would be a fight; I said I had been in the place would get pulled; I asked her how she knew it, and she said, "Yes, you that man there," pointing to Logan, who was walking up and down; he is neither a friend nor acquaintance; I told her I was also said I had better not go down there or the house would be pulled; I was talking to Minnie when I saw Carrie Smith come across the street and speak to Logan; after a brief conversation, which I did not hear, she left him and went towards Broadway; three or four minutes after the three men spoken of came out of the saloon; I was standing on the walk; Logan stepped up to them and asked what their had called him for; one of the men said, "Who?" Logan said, "You, and I can lick you;" The man asked, "Lick who?" Logan replied, "All three of you;" at the same time pulling out his pocket-knife; no other words were uttered; the center man took a pistol from his right hand pocket and putting the weapon to Logan's breast fired; Logan was not two feet from him; it was three or four feet; Logan fell on his left side; his pocket, coolly turned round on his heel and walked in a leisurely manner; Logan fell back and shouted "I'm shot;" the two men who were with the man who fired the shot ran down the street; Greene-street; the assailant was walking away very deliberately as officer ran up from Greene-street and put his arms around him and turned; the man looked at the officer and said "I'm not the man;" the officer said "Come one, come all;" "He's down in the basement;" the officer let go of the man who continued to walk away, when Minnie Wilson grabbed him by the coat and said "Stop, sir, stop;" the officer said "Let him, here he is;" I told her to let him go and hold still, for I was afraid he might shoot her; she did so, and he passed right between us, and went towards Broadway; I did not see the pistol; I was afraid of him; Minnie and I went in the saloon to get supper, where both she and I were arrested, and we were locked up in the cells; I do not know any of the men except Logan by sight.

Carrie Smith, of West Houston-street, testified: James Logan resided with me for several months; I never gave him a cent in my life; about half-past one o'clock on Wednesday morning Logan and I went into the saloon No. 32 West Houston-street, to get supper; Logan was a little tight; while in the saloon I saw three men; I did not know any of them; Logan was talking to them; we sat at the table, and we sat on the other end; as we did so, three men began to call Logan a "Jew boy," and "Jew boy," which made him angry; I began to talk to him, and Logan said, "Let them alone;" I said it was a nice thing, and Logan knew by the way that they were talking about us; Logan got talking enough to tell me to go home, and he would come soon; I replied, "Logan, I'm afraid to go home;" I left the front of the saloon, asked him to go home; he said he would in a minute; I did so, but did not gone far before I heard a pistol shot.

The Coroner, having thus placed on record all the evidence he could obtain, determined to send COOK and CARRIE SMITH to the House of Detention for Witnesses in default of the necessary bail. MINNIE WILSON was more fortunate, and furnished a bondsman for her appearance when necessary.

DEATH OF LOGAN—HIS DYING STATEMENT.

LOGAN died at Bellevue Hospital at 11:20 last night. During the day, knowing that his end was approaching, he expressed a desire to Dr. SHINN, Deputy Coroner, to make a statement. In accordance with this request Coroner FLYNN attended by Dr. SHINN, called at the hospital and took the dying statement of LOGAN, which was as follows:

I, JAMES LOGAN, believing that I am about to die this night, and having no hopes of recovery from the injuries I have received, do hereby declare that the charge that was made against me last year, of murdering Mr. CHARLES M. ROGERS on the 21st day of December, 1868, in Twelfth-street, was false, and that I am entirely innocent. I did not know the party who committed the deed, nor have I any knowledge whatsoever of it.

(Signed,) HIS JAMES M. LOGAN. MARK.

Taken at Bellevue Hospital, Jan. 6, 1870—11:20 P. M., before WM. SHINN, M. D., Deputy Coroner. THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Warden of Bellevue Hospital. CORNELIUS FLYNN, Coroner.

LOGAN breathed his last within five minutes after signing the above statement. Dr. SHINN will make a post-mortem examination of the remains of the deceased at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The date of the inquest has not been determined.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Formation of a New Organization—Lively Times Among the Sweetheartedness—Speeches on the Constitution—Miss Anthony to the Rescue—Parliament Hooked in the role of the "Great Objector"—A Spicy Session.

The pleasant parlors at No. 49 East Twenty-third-street were filled yesterday afternoon with a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, called together to organize a City and County Association in aid of the cause of woman suffrage. Besides the old members, who have so long fought the battle for liberty, equality and the ballot, many new faces of more recent converts graced the assemblage on the occasion. The Press, the pulpit and the bar, without distinction of sex, met in conclave to deliberate on the best method of resuscitating the old body and endowing it with new life. Minerva and Venus, Mars, Mercury and Cupid each sent delegates, at least so our reporter was confidentially informed.

At 2:30 P. M. Mrs. WILBOUR called the meeting to order, and Dr. HALLOCK was elected Chairman. Dr. HALLOCK said that in assuming the office of Chairman *pro tem.*, it was hardly necessary to dwell on the objects of the meeting. The ultimate object was to devise ways and means by which that long uttered desire of women should receive at the hands of the law its consummation. The condition of women rested on a false basis, and one out of which has grown an immense amount of suffering and of sorrow. Her position was also an immoral one for her as a wife and as a mother. For the benefit of the nation, of the family and of the individual, a change must be made on the ground of natural rights, and for the preservation of woman's own individuality.

Mrs. BLAKE called for the reading of the minutes of the caucus meeting held the day before. They were read, and it was moved and carried that the Constitution and by-laws be discussed section by section.

Preamble—Whereas, The denial of the right of the ballot to woman is in direct opposition to the genius of our institutions, and the Declaration of Independence, which says that "all governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed, and that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men;" therefore,

Resolved, We citizens of the City and County of New-York, believing that the ballot, as the legalized voice of the people, is the right of every law-abiding citizen, do pledge ourselves to remember for the purpose of securing the ballot to women.

Adopted *nem. con.*

ARTICLE I.—SECTION 1. This Association shall be called the "New-York City and County Woman's Suffrage Association," and shall be auxiliary to the State Woman's Suffrage Association.

SEC. 2. Its object shall be to secure the ballot to women. Adopted.

SEC. 3. Any citizen of the City and County of New-York can become a member of the Association by signing the Constitution, and paying not less than 50 cents annually, and no other persons shall be entitled to vote in the meetings of the Association. Adopted.

SEC. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-Presidents from at least three wards; a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Business Committee of not less than three nor more than five members, elected annually. Adopted.

ART. II.—SECTION 1. No person shall make a speech in the regular meetings of the Association, except on a motion or question, or invited to speak by a vote of the members; and all resolutions offered shall be passed must be presented by or with the consent of the Business Committee.

Now came the tug of war. Up sprang the nimble-tongued Dr. HORNER. He thought the article very unjust, and not democratic in principle. Absolute power was conferred on the Committee. He entered his solemn protest against that article. He would never, no never, submit a resolution of his to a few ladies. He moved the rejection of the article.

Mr. POOLE and Mrs. BLAKE supported the article. Colonel FORTER opposed it. Rejection was like a star chamber operation. Mrs. WILBOUR saw the importance of the article as it was written.

Up sprang again the irrepressible HORNER. In Ciceronian style he ventilated his opinions on parliamentary law and thought this "stifling business" was played out. He did not believe all the wisdom of the Society dwelt with two or three ladies.

Mrs. BLAKE said that as every resolution got into the papers they had to be careful.

Dr. HORNER retaliated that no reporter ever got the resolutions without the consent of the ladies.

Mrs. HALLOCK remarked that there were people who could find no other platform for their nonsense. The article was not democratic; they were took weak to be democratic.

Dr. HALLOCK exclaimed "Let us have Peace."

Dr. HORNER announced that he was going to address a Republican meeting in the evening. The chair called the doctor to order. The doctor waxed wrathy and offered an amendment which was rejected—11 to 6.

Mrs. WILBOUR saw things ahead.

Professor HORNER claimed that not having been invited to the caucus, he would object to what he liked.

Colonel FORTER proposed an amendment, which was rejected and the original article was adopted.

Professor HORNER rose to call the attention of the meeting to a fact, but having forgotten what the fact was he took his seat. (At this point a lady was heard to remark to the Tribune reporter, that the meeting had better be called the "Hooker Club," which remark roused the doctor's ire again.)

SEC. 2. Members shall not speak more than two minutes on any subject, nor more than twice in one day, and no member shall speak more than twice, save in correction or explanation. Adopted.

SEC. 3. The public meetings shall be held monthly. Adopted.

SEC. 4. The officers of the Association shall report at the regular meetings and at the annual meeting. Adopted.

SEC. 5. The Association shall be governed by the usual Parliamentary order unless otherwise ordered. Adopted.

The Constitution as a whole was then adopted.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Wilbour, Permanent President; Dr. Hallock, First Vice-President; Mrs. Beasley, Second Vice-President, Ninth Ward; Mrs. Blake, Third Vice-President, Twenty-first Ward; Mrs. Crosby, Secretary; Mr. Poole, Treasurer; Mrs. Hallock, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Stearns, Business Committee.

They voted to have special weekly meetings on Saturday afternoons.

Miss ANTHONY said, in reply to Colonel Forter's assertion that they needed weekly meetings to teach the ladies how to talk, that he meant to educate women to speak intelligently. Fully as much talking at the meetings has been done by men as by women. She indorsed all that had been said with reference to the weekly meetings, and alluded to an interview with Mr. GREELEY. She was glad men and women had come together and formed an association without Miss SUSAN B. ANTHONY, whom she considered a nuisance.

Mr. POOLE offered a resolution of gratitude to the Governor of Colorado, regarding as a proof of great wisdom his indorsement of woman suffrage.

So ended this second "tempest in a teapot."

Labor Movements.

The Bricklayers' Union No. 3 met at Demilt Hall last night. The annual report of the Treasurer was received, showing the following figures: Total receipts, $4,680 87; total expenditures, $4,358 87, leaving a balance on hand of $322.

The Clothing Cutters' Protective Union met last night at No. 10 Stanton-street, and reelected, for the ensuing six months, their old officers, viz.: HENRY SCHAFER, President; PATRICK WEARNEY, Vice-President; WM. MULLENEY, Recording Secretary, and HENRY DOUDEMANY, Financial Secretary.

The following officers were installed last evening at the meeting of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union No. 15: President, A. J. MATHEWS; First Vice-President, Daniel Mahoney; Second Vice-President, James Brennan; Recording Secretary, Henry Gourdey; Financial Secretary, M. J. Hogan; Financial Secretary, Peter Flaherty; Corresponding Secretary, Harry Gordon; Treasurer, J. Dukes. Mr. JAMES MORTON acted as Deputy of Installation. The consideration of the new constitution and by-laws was then laid over until next meeting.

The Dry Goods Clerks' Early Closing Association is becoming disorganized through the pressure brought to bear upon them by the employers.

The iron moulders of Williamsburg are now fully employed, owing to a large order sent there by the Stoker Manufacturing Company. They work night and day.

Agreeable to call, a special meeting of the Baltimore Colony Association was held last evening at the parlors of the President, Dr. Hallock, in Myrtle-avenue, E. D. The meeting was called on account of the President having learned that several speculators had joined the Association for the simple purpose of discovering the whereabouts of the intended location. At present that information has only been given by the President to the officers and a trusted few of the members, and will not be made known publicly until the lands are purchased. The proposal to charter a vessel was brought forward for the purpose of giving the views of the members present, and it was decided to do so, and make a trip to the point and back for the purpose of covering the cost of the charter. The Committee reported a vessel had been offered to them that would carry from 100 to 120 people at a cost of about $12, for which sum they would be provided with rations for the round trip. The meeting then adjourned, to all Monday evening next, at Grenade Hall, Myrtle-avenue.

German-American School Clubs.

The German School Club of the Eighth Ward reorganized for the present year at No. 100 Prince-street, last night, by electing Messrs. PHILIPP WEBER, President; HENRY WIESER, Vice-President; CHARLES LINDMANN, Secretary; CASPAR STORK, Treasurer; and the following delegates to the General Committee of the German-American School Association of this City: Messrs. John C. Boettner, H. Harris, G. Alexander, L. Kleuns, Ch. Kaiser, Fred. Spies, Henry Meyer.

The German School Club of the Twenty-second Ward met at Unger's Hall, corner of Broadway and Forty-ninth-street, last night, and reorganized for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: Messrs. M. ETTINGE, President; A. TAUPNOUS, Vice-President; Dr. E. S. Bunn, Recording Secretary; C. W. MANN, Corresponding Secretary; Hermann Strunz, Treasurer. The above were also elected delegates to the General Committee of the German-American School Association of this City, and, in addition to them, Messrs. Dr. A. V. Hinze, F. Bachter, Chas. Bauer, Chas. Hoffman, Chas. Linder, Wm. Loew. It was resolved to petition the School Trustees of the ward, in accordance with the plan adopted by the Board of Education, for the introduction of the German language as a regular branch of instruction in the public schools of the ward. The meeting then adjourned.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 6—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 93¾ for both money and account. American Securities opened quiet and steady. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 87¼; 1865, old, 88¼; 1867, 88¾; Ten-forties, 84¾. Stocks steady. Erie Railway Shares, 17¾; Illinois Central, 109¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 34¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 6—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opens quiet; Middling Uplands, 11¼d. Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 9s. 4d. Corn, 34s. 9d. Flour, 28s. 6d. Spirits Turpentine, 28s. 6d. Rosin, 6s. 6d. Tallow, 48s. 6d. Linseed Oil, 32s. 6d. Petroleum, 1s. 2d. Sugar, 37s. 6d. Cotton, 9d. Rice, 27s. 6d. Tobacco, 1s. 2d. Pork, 90s. Lard, 62s. Cheese, 60s. Bacon, 57s. 6d. Tallow, 48s. 6d. Linseed Oil, 32s. 6d. Rosin, 6s. 6d. Spirits Turpentine, 28s. 6d. Petroleum, 1s. 2d. Sugar, 37s. 6d. Cotton, 9d. Rice, 27s. 6d. Tobacco, 1s. 2d. Pork, 90s. Lard, 62s. Cheese, 60s. Bacon, 57s. 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 6—3 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed a shade easier; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day have been 12,000 bales, including 1,000 bales for export and speculation.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet.

PRODUCE—Linseed Oil, $32 9s. 6d.

LONDON, Jan. 6—Tallow quiet. Linseed Oil quiet.

PARIS, Jan. 6—Rentes closed firm. United States Five-twenty Bonds closed firm at 93¾@93¾, for the issue of 1862.

ANTWERP, Jan. 6—Petroleum closed quiet at 58 francs for spot.

HAVRE, Jan. 6—Petroleum opened quiet at 88 francs for spot.

HAVRE, Jan. 6—Evening—Cotton closed quiet on spot and afloat.

HAVANA, Jan. 6—Exchange is declining.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—EXCHANGE, 1-16 premium off buying, 1-16 commission selling. FLOUR dull at $2 00@$4 25. WHEAT—Sales of No. 1 at 81c. cash; No. 2 firm